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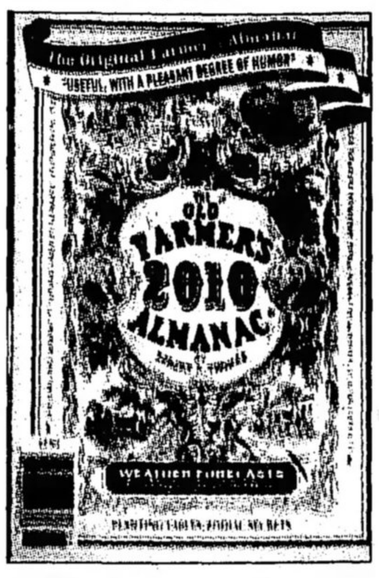

Almanac popular

Even some people with access to the 24-hour Weather Channel and various weather Web sites at their fingertips still read "The Old Farmer's Almanac" because it's been reliable for generations. **7A**

Reform soon?

Democratic leaders wrestling with health care legislation are confronting a host of knotty issues such as medical malpractice, abortion, illegal immigrants and Medicaid, all the while predicting passage of sweeping health care legislation within a few months. **5A**

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Success sought

President Obama posed with the Stanley Cup and received a black Penguins sweater containing his surname when he welcomed the reigning champions of the NHL to the White House on Thursday. **2B**

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- Shirley Ann Ruscitti, 68, of Banning, formerly of Webster
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Donora bar: Problem or victim?

Residents complain about patrons of Caroline's, but owner says borough police are discriminating against his bar and its customers.

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DONORA – Borough Council began Thursday's meeting by discussing how to go about declaring a borough tavern a nuisance bar.

And the meeting ended with the bar's owner claiming he and his patrons are being discriminated against by the borough and the police department.

When David Vayansky, owner of Caroline's, located on Meldon Avenue near 14th Street, made his claim about borough police selectively enforcing the law, Councilman Donald Pavelko became so irate he had to be restrained by another member of council.

At the outset of the meeting, resident Bernie Borkowski asked council what it was going to do about all the problems that were coming from Caroline's.

He said he lives near the bar and that his life has been made miserable because of the patrons of the bar and their actions outside of the business.

Borkowski had a list of complaints about the bar, including vehicles parking on his property, loud noise all hours of the night, patrons drinking outside and urinating in the street and vomiting in his yard.

"Something has to be done," Borkowski said.

"We know there's a problem," Council President Dr. Karen Polkabla told Borkowski.

Pavelko told Borkowski that the borough has been accused by the establishment's owner of harassing the bar.

"If anyone is harassing them, it's me," said Borkowski, who said he calls police repeatedly about the problems caused by the business and vowed to continue doing so.

Polkabla then asked Police Superintendent Jim Brice how the borough can go about declaring the establishment a nuisance bar.

Brice explained that the best way is to document complaints through 911 and, when enough complaints have been documented, "We will go after it as being a bad bar."

Brice said he has talked to Vayansky in the past and the owner said he can't control what goes on outside the business.

"The problem isn't getting better, it's getting worse," Brice said. "Neighbors are concerned about retaliation and some won't call us. But we are aware of it and it is a problem."

Mayor John Lignelli said the borough needs to have an officer or an undercover person "canvas the area" and document whatever illegal activity that goes on and then report it to the state Liquor Control Board.

"We've been through that process before," Lignelli said of having a nuisance bar closed. "It can be done."

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Murder suspect changes mind, admits role in homicides

After rejecting an earlier deal, Justin Welch admits his role in the murders of Howard and Nancy Springer.

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The alleged gunman in the shooting deaths of former Carroll Township police Chief Howard Springer and his wife, Nancy, will stand trial alone after the last of his accused accomplices has agreed to testify in the case.

Justin Welch, 911 Crest Ave., Apt. 3, Charleroi, entered an open plea Thursday before Washington County Judge Debbie O'Dell Seneca to two counts of criminal conspiracy to homicide.

One count each of robbery, theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property along with two DUI charges unrelated to the homicide were withdrawn.

An open plea means there is no specific offer from prosecution., so the judge will determine sentencing after observing Welch's cooperation with the prosecution

Last month, Welch had rejected a deal with the prosecution that would have included a 15-to-30 year sentence in exchange for his testimony against Gerald Szakal, of Fifth Street, Webster.

Szakal was charged with two counts of criminal homicide and one count each of robbery, receiving stolen property and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Police believe Szakal shot and killed the Springers March 4, 2008 inside their home at 1241 Highland Road, Carroll Township.

According to court records, Szakal stole jewelry and rare coins from his mother's Rostraver Township home, selling them to the Springers before returning to the Carroll Township couple's home to rob and kill them, police allege.

According to the court documents, Szakal admitted to killing the Springers and stealing $6,500, giving $1,500 to Gregory Monya Carpenter, of 911 Crest Ave., Apt. 3, Charleroi and $1,000 to Welch.

After killing the couple, Szakal

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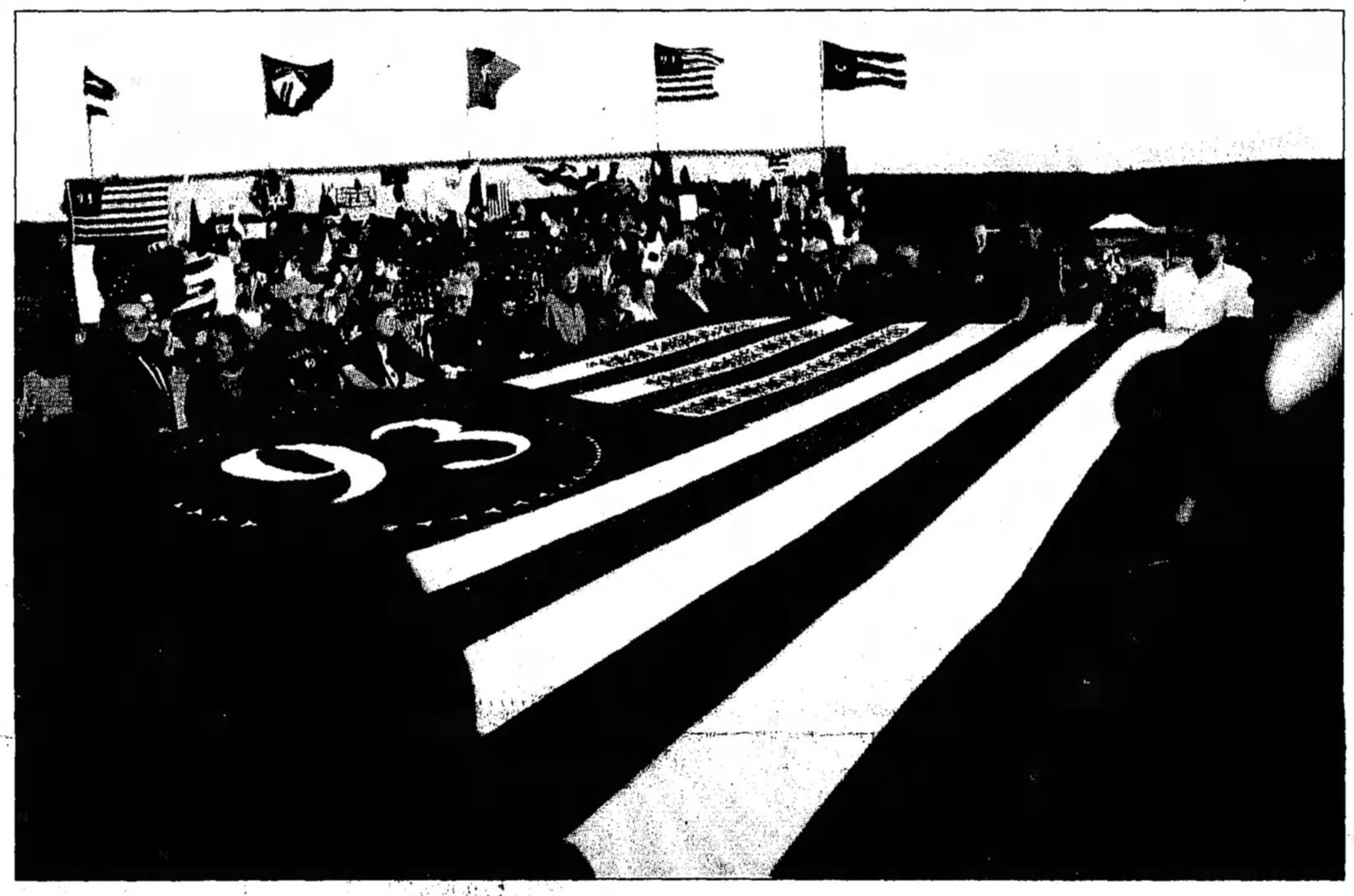

Associated Press

Visitors to the temporary Flight 93 memorial participate in a sunset ceremony of opening a commemorative flag on Thursday in Shanksville, Somerset County. United Flight 93 crashed in Shanksville on Sept. 11, 2001, after its passengers and crew diverted the hijacked airplane from its intended target Washington, D.C. A memorial service was planned for today.

Agent who stopped '5th hijacker' making first visit to Flight 93 site

Former immigration inspector was to attend a program featuring ex-Secretary of State Colin Powell, former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and retired Gen. Tommy R. Franks.

By DAN NEPHIN
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH — Jose Melendez-Perez says he was just doing his job when he prevented a Saudi man from entering the United States through Orlando International Airport in August 2001 - a time when most Americans couldn't comprehend airplanes being used as missiles.

The man was later identified as Mohamed al-Kahtani, and investigators believe he was supposed to be the fifth hijacker aboard United Airlines Flight 93.

If Melendez-Perez, then an immigration inspector, had let the man through, might five hijackers have been one too many for the passengers to overcome?

Instead of crashing in rural Somerset County, would the hijackers aboard Flight 93 have made it to the White House or Capitol?

U.S. officials have said that's a distinct possibility.

Today, the eighth anniversary of the terrorist attacks, Melendez-Perez, 63, was scheduled to make his first visit to the field near Shanksville where Flight 93 crashed - a place many call the first battlefield in the war on terror.

Former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell was expected to deliver the keynote speech, joining former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and retired General Tommy R. Franks.

At 10:03 a.m. - the time the plane crashed - the names of the 40 passengers and crew w ere to be read and bells were to be tolled.

Melendez-Perez is the subject of a book titled "Instinct: The Man Who Stopped The 20th Hijacker" by Philadelphia radio talk show host Michael Smerconish. The book ame out today and a portion of the proceeds will go toward the National Park Service's crash site memorial, which is slated to open on the 10th anniversary of the attacks.

Early this morning, Melendez-Perez, Smerconish and scores of others climbed aboard 12 buses to make the trip to Shanksville. Melendez-Perez was looking forward to the journey but expects it will be emotional.

"The more I try to think about it, the more sad I get," he said in a telephone interview Wednesday from his Orlando home.

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Westmoreland spends $400K to buy 2 farms for preservation

The county has purchased easements on 75 farms, totalling more than 10,000 acres as part of the Farmland Preservation Program.

By RICH CHOLODOFSKY
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Westmoreland County commissioners on Thursday agreed to pay more than $400,000 to ensure that two properties remain as farmland in perpetuity.

The deal is part of the Farmland Preservation Program in which the county purchases easements from property owners that prohibits those properties from ever being used for another purpose.

The county paid $265,650 for an easement of the 115.5-acre Derry Township farm owned by Nick and Marian S. Yuris and $141,520 for the 48.8-acre Ruffsdale farm owned by Karen L. Zucco.

Should those farms ever be sold in the future, the new owners would have to utilize that land for agricultural purposes, according to county Solicitor R. Mark Gesalman.

"There is a lot of pressure on farmers seeking to sell land to developers," Gesalman said.

"This is an incentive to allow them to continue to farm but also give them the financial benefits."

Betty Reefer, administrator of the farmland preservation program, did not return calls seeking comment.

According to the Westmoreland County Agricultural Land Preservation Board Web site, the county has purchased easements on 75 farms, totalling more than 10,000 acres.

Farms with more than 50 acres, or with 10 acres adjacent to other properties with easements, are eligible for the program. At least 50 percent of the farm must have harvested crop land, pasture or grazing land.

Purchase prices are determine by an independent real estate appraiser.

"We want to preserve agriculture," said Commissioner Tom Balya.

"This is an opportunity to preserve land as family farms for years to come."

VALLEY PEOPLE

Donora bar (FROM PAGE ONE)

Brice noted that Caroline's has begun having parties that include strippers and that has made the situation worse.

He added that, when police are called and go to the bar late at night, the door of the business is locked and they can't get in.

Lignelli asked if the owner of the bar is allowed to lock the door when police come and Brice told him that an LCB spokesman said that it is legal.

"I find that hard to believe," the mayor responded.

Polkabla told Borkowski that the borough will continue to watch the bar and will document any illegal activity and do whatever has to be done to clean up the problem.

Vayansky, who arrived at the meeting late and was not present for the complaint session, addressed council at the end of the meeting.

He asked council to tell police to quit harassing his customers by ticketing their vehicles for being illegally parked.

Vayansky then presented council numerous photos of vehicles that he said were parked illegally in the area near Caroline's and were not ticketed. Yet, his patrons are routinely ticketed for illegal parking, he said.

As Vayansky tried to plead his case, he got into an argument with Pavelko.

Pavelko had to be restrained by Councilman Jason Menendez as he called Vayansky "an embarrassment" and Polkabla then adjourned the meeting.

Murders (FROM PAGE ONE)

went to the 911 Crest Ave. apartment where he took off his blood-splattered clothing, showered and placed the clothing in a plastic bag, according to court records. The bag was later thrown in the river.

He placed the .25-caliber handgun allegedly used in the homicides under a mattress on one of the beds, according to court records.

The Springers were precious metals dealers who operated out of their home. Former customers told police that the only way to gain access to the Springers' home business was to first set up an appointment by telephone. Records indicate Szakal called the Springers three times the day of the homicides.

On Sept. 1, O'Dell Seneca Szakal denied a request by Welch's attorney, Joseph Francis, to delay start of the trial. Francis had sought the extra time to familiarize himself with the case against his client, Justin Welch.

At the time, Francis had taken over the case from attorney Jim Ecker, who withdrew as Welch's counsel after his client backed out of a plea agreement that would have included his testimony against Szakal.

On Thursday, Francis contacted the district attorney's office, indicating Welch had a change of heart.

"It will certainly streamline the trial and it gives us an opportunity to provide additional evidence about the scheme," Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani said. "He will testify to those matters."

Thus, jury selection is expected to begin Monday for Welch's trial. From a pool of approximately 200, 12 jurors and two alternates will be chosen. Jury selection is expected to take up to a week.

"The commonwealth is certainly hopeful Mr. Welch will testify and will provide insight into the events as we believe they occurred in and around March 4," Toprani said.

All three of Szakal's alleged conspirators are expected to testify against the suspected shooter.

Hours before Welsh backed out of a plea bargain Aug 5, Carpenter pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property and tampering with evidence. He is expected to testify for the prosecution.

A fourth suspect, Tecko Dwayne Tartt, 22, pleaded guilty in April to robbery and criminal conspiracy to commit robbery. A charge of criminal conspiracy to commit homicide was withdrawn in exchange for his testimony.

"It doesn't change our position but allows the commonwealth to put on more evidence," Toprani said of Welch's decision to cooperate with prosecutors. "I'm pleased with the decision and ready to move forward."

Toprani, however, has recused himself from the case. The district attorney was close to the Springers, who were his neighbors while he was growing up in Carroll Township.

First Assistant District Attorney Craig McKay will prosecute the case. He will be joined by attorney Chad Schneider from Toprani's office.

Toprani said if Szakal is convicted, his office will seek the death penalty.

Springer's role as a retired police chief was not a mitigating circumstance in that decision, which was based on various circumstances laid out in the state statute for determining sentencing in homicide cases.

Those circumstances include a double homicide committed in the course of a robbery.

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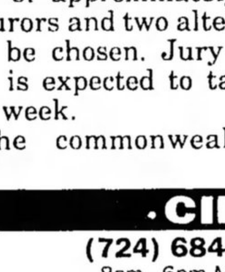

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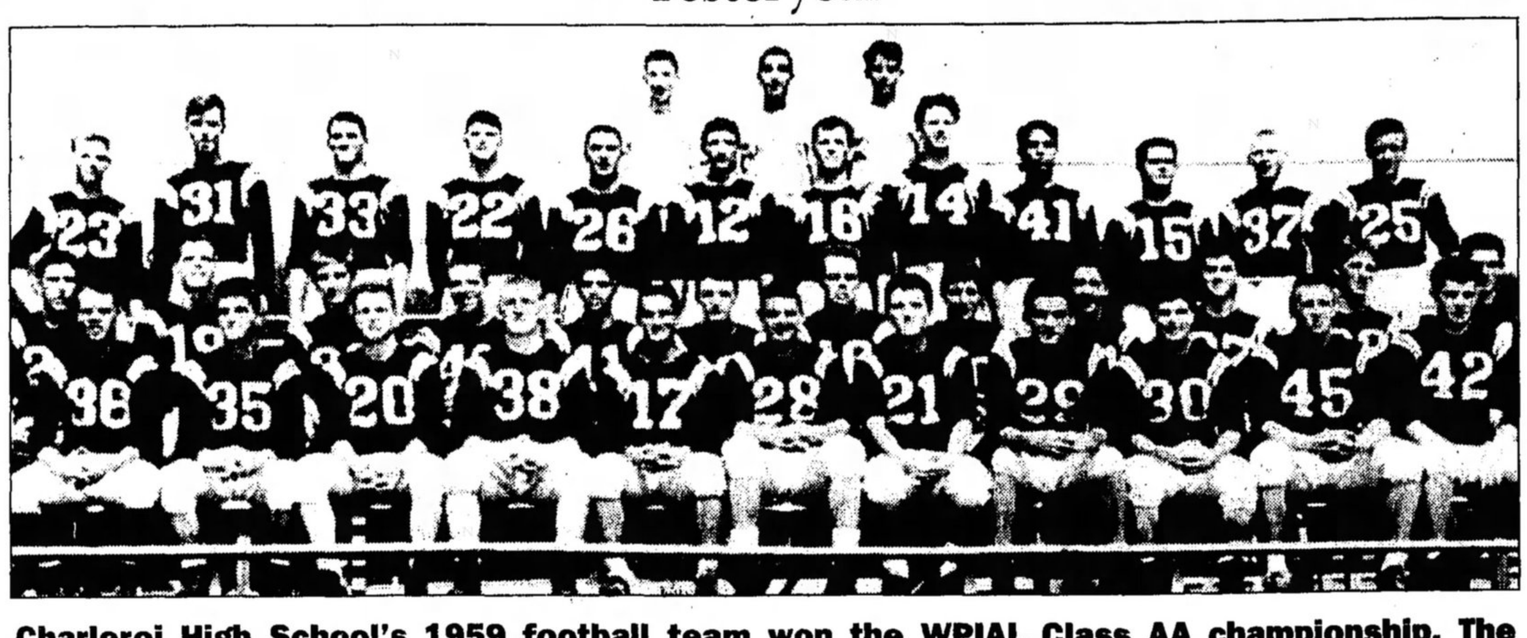


Charleroi High School's 1959 football team won the WPIAL Class AA championship. The squad comprised: Front row, from left — Bob King, Dale Cosgrove, Bob Hodgson, Denny Harger, Paul Strelick, Mickey Bitsko, Gary Hogan, Bob Sink, Bill Johnson, Pete Goimarac and Bill Raisbeck. Second row, same order— Myron Boncarosky, Dick Smith, Frank Chew, Dave Jones, Bobby Abbott, Cliff Daugherty, Jerry Moffit, Frank DeStefon, Ron Hughes, Jim Buchanan, Wayne Zanardelli and Dave Abel. Third row, same order — Tom Kirby, Alan Miller, Linsey Sargent, Robby Stevenson, Terry Gregory, Ken Treater, Hugh McBurnie, Steve Zuraw, Joe Villella, Kenny Laskey, Chuck Hart and Jim Cooper. Back row, same order — student managers Jim Currie, Pete Kalamaras, Joe DeStefon. Missing from the photo are players Milan Kostich and Terry Hancock and coaches Rab Currie, Frank DeCoster, Frank Lee and Joe Barcelona.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
High 69	High 75	High 78	High 79	High 75
Low 52	Low 58	Low 58	Low 59	Low 55

Bells toll as 9-11 mourners hold moment of silence

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bells tolled throughout New York City and mourners fell silent this morning to observe the moment a hijacked plane hit the World Trade Center.

Ceremonies were being held today in New York, Washington and western Pennsylvania on the eighth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

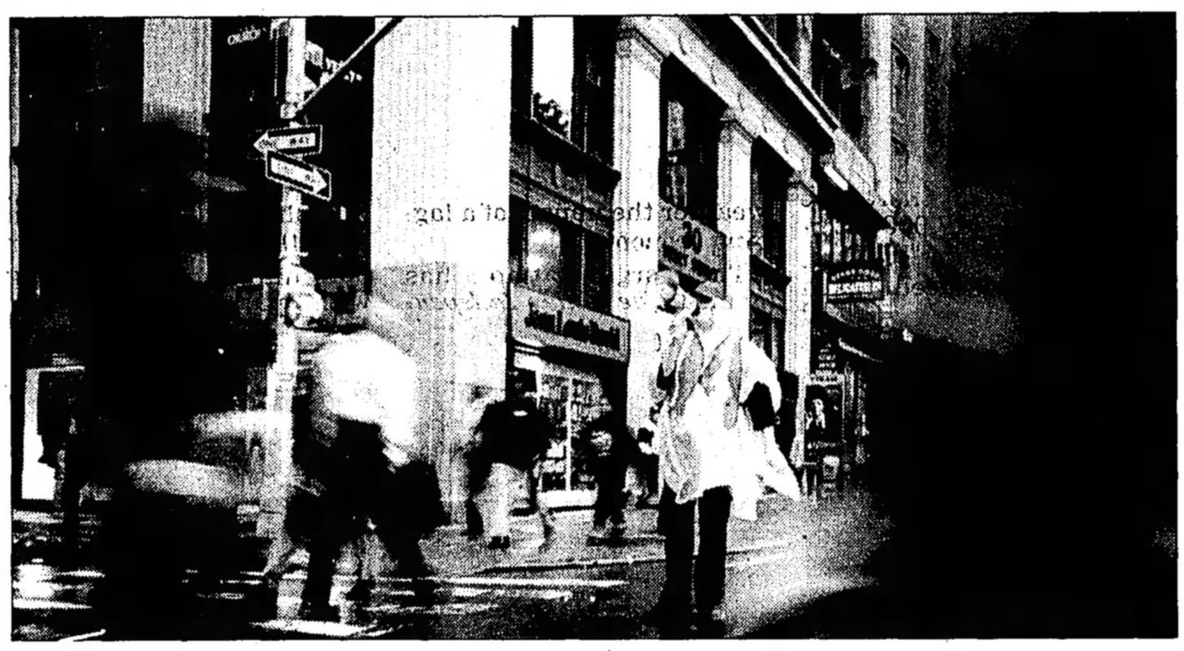
New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the city will "safeguard the memory of those who died" by rekindling a spirit of volunteerism.

Volunteers who cleaned debris or worked near ground zero planned to read more than 2,700 names of victims who died at the Trade Center, along with family members.

The first of four moments of silence was held around 8:46 this morning - the time the first jet hit the Trade Center's north tower.

Drawing on the spirit that spurred volunteers to rush to the burning World Trade Center eight years ago, Americans nationwide looked for ways to help each other on a day better known for mourning the thousands of people killed in the nation's worst terrorist attack.

Teresa Mathai, whose husband, Joseph Mathai, died at the World Trade Center, planned to grieve at a morning wreath-laying ceremony in Boston and hear his name read out loud. Then she planned to install drywall at a low-income home in south Boston with Habitat for Humanity, one of thousands of volunteer efforts planned since Sept. 11 was declared a national day of service.



Associated Press

A volunteer helps guide commuters and participants in the attacks on the World Trade Center Anniversary Ceremony through the maze of closed off New York City streets before the start of the program this morning.

"Everyone has a different way of mourning," she said. "Some people keep it absolutely sacred. For me, this is something that gives us solace."

The combination of mourning and national giving was troubling to some who feared the volunteerism would overshadow a somber day to remember the four hijacked jetliners that crashed into the twin towers, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field, killing nearly 3,000 people, most in New York.

"When I first heard about it, I was concerned," said Debra Burlingame, whose brother was the pilot of the American Airlines jet that crashed into the Pentagon. "I fear, I greatly fear, at some point we'll transition to turning it into Earth Day where we go and plant trees and the remembrance part will become smaller and smaller and smaller."

Thousands were expected at now-familiar ceremonies in New York, at the Pentagon and at the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93 in a Somerset County field.

At a park southeast of ground zero, family members were to join with volunteers who made firefighters meals or removed tons of debris from the smoldering trade center site to read victims' names. Four moments of silence were planned in New York — for when jetliners crashed into each tower and for when each tower collapsed. Vice President Joseph Biden was to attend the ceremony.

A wreath was to be laid at a memorial to the Pentagon, where 184 people died when a jet slammed into the building. President Barack Obama and Department of Defense Secretary Robert Gates were to meet with victims' family members.

Flight 93 (FROM PAGE ONE)

Smerconish had learned about Melendez-Perez by following the work of the 9/11 Commission. He believed that Melendez-Perez wasn't being adequately recognized and holds him out as an example of the importance of being vigilant.

"He was salt-of-the-earth. Unassuming. Very serious about his responsibility," Smerconish said Thursday.

Several years ago, Smerconish interviewed Melendez-Perez on his radio program and brought him to Philadelphia, renting a ballroom to recognize him.

Five hundred people showed up, including U.S. Rep. Bob Brady, D-Pa., who presented Melendez-Perez with a flag that had been flown over the Capitol. Brady told Melendez-Perez that his actions had arguably saved the congressman's life, Smerconish recalled.

"As far as thinking I'm somebody special for what I did, no sir, I don't consider myself a hero. I consider myself a hard worker," Melendez-Perez told The Associated Press.

The 9/11 Commission found U.S. authorities missed some obvious signs that might have prevented some hijackers from entering the country.

It was al-Kahtani's eyes that concerned Melendez-Perez.

Al-Kahtani had been sent to him because he hadn't filled out some paperwork, which was in English, and Al-Kahtani didn't speak it.

"When I went to get him in the waiting room, he gave me a very scary look, like a threatening look, like a challenging look," Melendez-Perez recalled.

"He just stared at me and moved that body like he was saying, 'I'm not afraid of you.'"

Other red flags popped up.

Al-Kahtani had no return ticket. He pointed at Melendez-Perez' face defiantly. He told Melendez-Perez through an interpreter that he wasn't sure where he was going, but that he was meeting a friend who was making sightseeing arrangements. The friend was coming in several days and Al-Kahtani planned to stay for six days, he said. That didn't make sense, Melendez-Perez thought.

"I wasn't thinking terrorism. I was thinking hit-man," Melendez-Perez said. "I had a gut feeling that he was coming to do some harm."

Because Al-Kahtani's paperwork was otherwise in order, Melendez-Perez checked with his superiors. Ultimately, they decided to have Al-Kahtani answer questions under oath. When he refused, he was put on a plane for home.

Eventually, Al-Kahtani was caught in Afghanistan. He is now being held at the Guantanamo prison.

Fay vets get call to rally for VA chief

They're being asked to attend Sept. 24 meeting of county commissioners.

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Fayette County veterans are being asked to attend the commissioners' board meeting at 10 a.m. Sept. 24 in a sign of support for the position of county veterans affairs director.

Veterans, relatives and friends also are asked to attend a veterans' gathering at 11 a.m. Sept. 25 in front of the county courthouse to pose questions and seek answers about filling the vacant position.

Last month, Floyd "Wayne" Coddington resigned from the job, marking the sixth time in five years that a director has quit.

On Thursday, Donnie Coleman, 62, of Lemont Furnace, requested the veterans' appearance be placed on the commissioners' meeting agenda. He delivered flyers to various county and city offices announcing the planned gathering.

"It is imperative that we support all measures to have our local government be held accountable for spending appropriations for that office," one flyer read.

A member of Vietnam Veterans of Fayette County, Coleman said area veterans need an advocate in the Veterans' Affairs Office.

He estimated there are approximately 17,000 veterans in the county. "We have veterans who need taken care of and who spend money in the county," he said. "We need somebody who stays put (as director), and we need the commissioners to help him or her stay there."

Among the reasons Coddington cited for leaving his job after eight months was his claim that he had little say in how the office was run, and that he was denied authorization for certain equipment purchases.

The flyer announcing the Sept. 25 gathering states the mission is to obtain answers to the following questions:

- Why can't Fayette County keep a veterans affairs director?
- Why do they leave office so soon?
- Why can't Fayette County give this position top priority?
- Why can't Fayette County make sure this position of veterans affairs director has all the funding needed to represent the veterans of Fayette County with the uppermost dignity and honor?

"If you are not a veteran and did not serve in a war, I'm not better than you," Coleman said.

"You are lucky. I think we ought to get what we need," he added.

Yesterday, Commissioner Chairman Vincent Zapotosky said he would support posting the position "as soon as the (state) budget issue is resolved."

He said the job description may be reviewed before posting.

The county has enacted a temporary hiring freeze because of the ongoing budget stalemate.

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Phil Sparacella, second from right, executive director of the Mon Valley United Way, and Pam Messina, United Way campaign coordinator, give representatives of *The Valley Independent* a resolution designating the newspaper as the pacesetter for the organization's 2009-10 fund drive. The newspaper launched its fund-raising effort Thursday with a cookout for employees. Principals are, from left: Ed Marcus, mailroom manager; Richard Guthrie, production manager; Regina Stefan, administrative assistant; Sparacella and Messina.

Valley Independent helps launch Mon Valley United Way campaign

Newspaper is designated pacesetter for the organization's 2009-10 fund drive.

By JEFF PIKULSKY
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The United Way of Mon Valley's latest fundraising campaign will rely on its veteran donors to help weather the impact of a lagging economy.

The organization has named *The Valley Independent* the pacesetter for this year's campaign.

The pacesetter is the first company that begins collecting donations, setting the tone for the drive.

The newspaper, which has contributed to the fundraising campaign since its inception in 1962, kicked off its United Way drive on Thursday with a cookout for employees.

"Every year, the companies are interested in how the pacesetter is doing," United Way campaign coordinator Pam Messina said. "They all ask us, 'How are they doing or are they doing something different?'"

United Way executive director Phil Sparacella said long-time donors have been the sustaining force behind the drive, especially with the downturn in the economy in the past few years.

The the local United Way campaign narrowly surpassed its $350,000 goal last year, when it collected $350,400.

The goal remains the same this year, but Sparacella hopes the actual amount collected will increase.

"We're very hopeful that we can reach that," he said. "With the economy and everything, individuals are still in need and services are much greater now."

In 2007, the campaign pulled in $360,268 - comfortably above the $355,000 goal.

The year before, the effort raised about $365,000.

In 2005, the effort pulled in slightly more than $380,000, shortly after Messina began working with Sparacella.

Although the total raised has decreased gradually in the last few years, Messina is optimistic.

"A lot of people are talking about poor economic times, but I'm thinking this is when the people in the Valley step up," she said.

"It seems like when things get bad, that's when they do more, so I'm encouraged this year for our campaign," she added.

In the last four years, Sparacella and Messina have shifted the focus in donations to the local level.

The two have established more intensive workplace solicitation, new angles on campaign promotional videos and the institution of the United Way's Impact Fund, which ensures that donations are filtered back into local organizations.

The fund is designed to allow each United Way sector to pinpoint which areas need the money most.

"The areas of concentration are education, health care and income stability," Sparacella said of needs in the Valley.

Donors can choose to direct part or all of their donations to the Impact Fund.

"Every year, we've seen an increase in contributions to the Impact Fund," Messina said, noting that the majority of the money raised goes into the fund.

Sparacella and Messina said the campaign would have fallen well short of its goal in the last few years if not for the Impact Fund.

Those contributing to this year's campaign include 35 major employers, nine agencies, eight communities, five school districts and several county and state employers.

Local employer donations accounted for 84 percent of all the money collected last year, one of the highest turnouts in the campaign's history, Messina said.

Sparacella said the United Way welcomed two new donors last year - the Residence at the Hilltop and the California University of Pennsylvania Student Association Inc.

He said *The Valley Independent* will be challenged to have one of its best years as the leader of this year's drive.

"It shows leadership. It shows stability. It can bring other individuals in that are kind of sitting on the fence," he said of being the pace setter.

It's a challenge the newspaper and its employees welcome, according to Bob Burke, managing editor.

"The United Way is an important part of the fabric of our community," Burke said.

"So we intend to do anything and everything we can to make sure the campaign tops its goal."

Donora taxpayer attacks borough finances again

Louise Jurik also questions role of Jason Menendez as council's sewer authority liaison.

By JEFF OLIVER
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DONORA – A resident who chastised the borough over its spending procedures at last month's meeting picked up where she left off at Thursday night's regular council meeting.

Only this time, Mayor John Lignelli fired back.

Resident Louise Jurik had questioned the borough's financial status and was asking about numerous invoices in August during a sometimes heated debate between herself and members of council.

On Thursday, Jurik again asked questions about past invoices the borough paid but that borough Administrator Jerome Stokes is having a hard time finding for her.

She also questioned the ethics of having Councilman Jason Menendez serving as the borough's liaison to the Mon Valley Sewage Authority when Menendez's father, Tony, is the authority's chairman.

During the mayor's report, Lignelli talked about Jurik's comments last month without mentioning her by name.

"At the last meeting, one of the speakers insinuated that three council people and myself were getting eye and dental paid for by the borough and asked why," Lignelli said.

He said that person met with a borough employee in the billing department and was told that "we pay for our own coverage, but we get the same plan as the borough employees."

Lignelli said that Jurik told the employee, "I don't understand it."

Yet, at last month's meeting, Jurik "saw fit to try to convince the audience that we were getting something for nothing," Lignelli said.

Lignelli then went on to list all of the out-of-pocket expenses he incurs on a monthly basis in his duties as mayor – which totaled $477 last month – and that his monthly salary as mayor is only $71.

To that, Jurik responded, "No one is telling you to serve."

"I'm proud to serve," Lignelli shot back. "I'm not like you. I do all these things not for myself, but for the residents of this

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Donora won't get involved in 'neighborhood dispute'

Woman upset council won't act against fire chief for calling her son a derogatory name.

By JEFF OLIVER
Staff Writer
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DONORA – The wife of a former borough councilman chastised the borough for not apologizing to her son for an incident between the child and the borough's fire chief last month.

Christine Szakal said her 13-year-old son, Aaron, was called a derogatory name by Fire Chief Patsy Vince in August and that, when she complained to council, nothing was done.

According to a police report filed with Magisterial District Judge Mark Wilson, of Monongahela, Vince was charged with disorderly conduct Aug. 5 by borough police as a result of the alleged incident.

However, the case was dismissed at a preliminary hearing Thursday because no victim appeared at the hearing.

After Szakal, the wife of former Councilman Gilbert Szakal, brought to council her concerns about the language Vince used toward her son, council met with the Szakals and Vince.

After that meeting, council sent a letter to Gilbert Szakal saying that no action was being taken against Vince.

Christine Szakal said the letter was addressed to her husband but should have been addressed to her son.

"He is the one who was the victim, not my husband," she said.

She said she did not want Vince to be disciplined. All she wanted him to do was apologize to her son.

"There was no apology,"

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4 golfers robbed at Linden Hall

Four golfers playing at Linden Hall in Dawson Thursday were approached shortly after 5 p.m. on the Fayette County course by an individual who brandished a gun and demanded money, state police at Belle Vernon said.

A police spokesman said it was not clear how much money was taken from the players. The robbery on the 6,675-yard public golf course is still under investigation, he said.

A woman answering the telephone at the United Steelworkers of America-owned resort said a spokesperson was not available for comment yesterday.

No one was hurt in the incident, police said. Further details were not available at presstime.

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DEATH NOTICES

JANKOWSKI — Edward J. Jankowski, 61, of Millvale, on Thursday, Sept. 10. Boleslaw Jankowski, Belle Vernon.*

JONES — Andrea K. (Stark) Jones, 63, of Donora, on Thursday, Sept. 10. James A. Rabe Funeral Home Inc., Donora.

MORGAN — Norma E. Morgan, 87, of Roscoe, on Wednesday, Sept. 9. Melenyzer-DuBarr Funeral Homes & Cremation Srvices Inc., Melenyzer, Charleroi.*

RUSCITTI — Shirley Ann Ruscitti, 68, of Banning, formerly of Webster, on Thursday, Sept. 10. L.L. Barthels Funeral Home Inc., Smithton.*

UPPERMAN — William Todd "Billy" Upperman, 45, of Virginia Beach, Va., on Saturday, Sept. 5. Anthony L Massafra Funeral Home, Donora.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
OLSHEFSKI, Richard A.*

*** See death notice**

Edward J. Jankowski
Millvale

Edward J. Jankowski, 61, of Millvale, Pa., passed away Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009, in the Good Samaritan Hospice in Wexford, Pa. He was born Sept. 10, 1948, in Heilbrom, Germany, son of the late Boleshaw and Marianna Jankowski. He is survived by his loving wife, Rita; daughter, Kelly Marie Jankowski; and brothers, Robert and Boleshaw (Tami) Jankowski. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the HEALY-HAHN FUNERAL HOME INC., 512 Grant Ave., Millvale, Pa. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Spirit Church in Millvale.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Norma E. Morgan
Roscoe

Norma E. Morgan, 87, of Roscoe, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009, surrounded by her family. She was born June 7, 1922, in Elco, a daughter of the late Fred and Mabel Crow Bryden. She was a Methodist by faith, a member of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, Mt. Zion Shrine No. 16 and a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star. During World War II, she was employed at Irvin Works and later was employed by Corning Glass for over 40 years. Norma served as former president of the Gallivanter's Club sponsored by the WMCA, and had the unique honor of receiving the Double Eagle Pin Award for being the first mother in the Mon Valley for having two sons attaining the rank of Eagle Scout at the same time. Norma is survived by her sons, James William Morgan, Jr., of Roscoe, and Terry B. Morgan and wife, Bonnie, of Long Branch; grandchildren, Geri Hoak and husband, John, of Long Branch, James W. Morgan III, of Roscoe, Lori Grootwassink and husband, Dave, of Safety Harbor, Fla., Russell A. Morgan and wife, Bobbie Jo, of Monessen, James W. Fisher, of Los Angeles, Sherry Bisinger and husband, Doug, of Plain City, Ohio, Dawna Fisher, of Pittsburgh, and Kimberly Morgan (Scott Lowers), of Pittsburgh; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Fred Bryden and wife, Meriam, of Wisconsin; a sister, Ella Lee Coker, of Charleroi; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James William Morgan, Sr. on Sept. 1, 1990, a sister, Nancy Baciak; and a brother, Robert Bryden. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in the MELENYZER-DUBARR FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATION SERVICES, INC., 1008 Furlong Ave., Roscoe, where a funeral service will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Ernest DeLuca officiating. Interment will follow in Howe Cemetery, Coal Center. The Order of Eastern Star will hold their service Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home. On-line condolences will be accepted on the funeral home website, www.melenyzer-dubarr.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Richard Allan "Roscoe" Olshefski
Perryopolis

Richard Allan "Roscoe" Olshefski, 52, of Perryopolis, died at home on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009, after a long illness. He was the son of the late Richard Joseph Olshefski and Mary Catherine Nalevanko Olshefski. He graduated from Hempfield Area High School and California University of Pennsylvania. "Roscoe" was formally employed by the Student Association, Inc., at California University of Pennsylvania. Rich is survived by his four children: Kristopher Thomas of Seattle, Wash.; Alexandra Catherine, Jessica Lynn and Taylor Nicole, all of North Carolina; a brother Randy (Cathy) Olshefski; and a nephew, William Olshefski of Ohio. He is also survived by his devoted girlfriend, Annamarie Kapolka and her three children: Marty, Michael and Rose Zueger. Friends will be received in the BLAIR-LOWTHER FUNERAL HOME, INC., 305 Rear Independence St., Perryopolis, on Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., where a prayer service will be held Saturday at 9:30 a.m., followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, Perryopolis, with the Rev. Father Bob Lubic as celebrant. Interment will be in St. John's Cemetery, Perryopolis. A wake service will be held Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rich's memory to St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, Perryopolis. The family would like to thank the staff at Dr. Zahalsky's Office, especially Carol and Jessica at Mon Valley Hospital, for the dedicated care and support they provided to Rich during the past three years.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Shirley Ann Ruscitti
Banning
Formerly of Webster

Shirley Ann Ruscitti, 68, of Banning, died Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009, in Monongahela Valley Hospital. She was born Sept. 7, 1941, in Webster, the daughter of the late Frederick and Nellie Morgan Rook. In addition to her parents, she as preceded in death by her husband, Armand Ruscitti; two sons, David and Thomas; brothers, Bill, Fred, Andy, and Walter Rook; and sisters, Romaine, Mary King and Nellie Wise. She is survived by three daughters, Mary Ann Wilhelm, of Banning, Veronica Mayolo, of Fairchance, and Lisa Long and husband, Joe, of Florida; a son, Matthew Ruscitti, and wife, Naomi, of California; eight grandchildren, Jennifer, Jamie, Jeffrey, Nicole, Breanna, Brooke, Allysa, and Allyson; one great-grandchild, Isabel; a brother, Jim Rook, of Maryland; good friend, Bea Andrews; and sister-in-law, Martha Ruscitti. Family and friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the L. L. BARTHELS FUNERAL HOME INC., Second Street, Smithton. A Blessing Service will be held 1 p.m. Monday in the funeral home, with Fr. Emil Payer officiating. Burial will be in Monongahela Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

William Todd "Billy" Upperman
Virginia Beach, Va.

William (Billy) Todd Upperman, 45, of Virginia Beach, Va., died on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital in Virginia Beach, Va. He was born Monday, Sept. 23, 1963, in Pittsburgh, the son of William George Upperman and the late Alice (Casson) Upperman. William was a veteran, having served with the United States Marine Corp. In addition to his father, survivors include a sister, Deborah L. (Christopher) Ball of McDonald; two brothers, Terry L. (Cindy) Upperman of North Fayette, and Timothy M. (Lisa) Upperman of Monongahela; two nieces, Tania M. (Kip) Griffith and Taylor M. Upperman; also many other relatives and friends. Friends will be received on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second St. Extension, Donora, Pa., 15033 (724) 379-6900. Private funeral services and burial will be held at the convenience of the family.

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Family members reach plea deal

They were charged in kidnapping, enslaving 17-year-old runaway.

By PAUL PATERRA
For The Valley Independent

Three family members charged last month with kidnapping and enslaving a 17-year-old-runaway in Jeannette have reached a tentative plea agreement that includes jail time.

Cynthia Pollard, 44, of 310 N. First St., Apt. 3, Jeannette, along with her daughter Tabitha, 19, and son Jonathan, 20, Thursday waived their rights to a preliminary hearing before Jeannette District Judge Joseph DeMarchis as part of the agreement.

They were charged for allegedly holding the teen against her will after she left a foster home in Irwin. Police claimed the teen was struck, threatened and forced into sex acts in exchange for food and cigarettes for nearly three weeks.

The Tribune-Review does not name alleged victims of sexual assault.

In 2007, Cynthia and Mark Pollard Sr., along with their children, Jonathan, Tabitha and Mark Jr., were charged with kidnapping and enslaving 19-year-old Emily Nicely in Greensburg.

Attorneys involved in the current case said yesterday they could not reveal the details of the tentative agreement. Assistant District Attorney Chuck Washburn said, "They waived it."

However, Mark Pollard Jr., Cynthia's son, said the plea agreement reached with prosecutors would result in jail time for each. The Pollards could enter a guilty plea as early as October.

Mark Pollard Jr. told reporters his mother, brother and sister are innocent.

"I was there the whole time, and I know nothing happened, period," he said. "She knew (about the previous charges), because we all let her know. She said her name was something else when it wasn't. She just made everything up."

Mark Pollard said his brother and the victim were engaged to be married. Jonathan Pollard said the same thing as he was being led away by officers of the county sheriff's department.

"She's mad because her dad owes her money, and I stopped giving her money," Jonathan Pollard said.

According to the criminal complaint filed by Jeannette Police and Westmoreland County detectives, Jonathan Pollard, 20, met the girl at a foster home in Irwin and told her she could run away and stay at his home at 303 Clay Ave., Apt. 3, Jeannette.

Once she got to the apartment, she was not allowed to leave, police said. If the girl tried to leave, Jonathan would call his sister and mother, and they would threaten her, police said.

Jonathan Pollard was charged with rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual assault, unlawful restraint, false imprisonment, interference with the custody of children, aggravated assault, simple assault, corruption of minors, terroristic threats, recklessly endangering another person and criminal conspiracy.

Cynthia Pollard, 44, of 310 N. First St., Apt. 3, was charged with interference with custody of children, false imprisonment, terroristic threats, corruption of minors, criminal conspiracy and unlawful restraint.

Tabitha Pollard 19, of 303 Clay Ave., Apt. 6, was charged with unlawful restraint, false imprisonment, terroristic threats, corruption of minors and criminal conspiracy.

Attorney David Caruthers, who represents Tabitha Pollard, said he was satisfied with yesterday's outcome.

"I think we reached a compromise in this situation. The law is not ever black and white. That's part of the reason there are compromised negotiations, and that's what happened here," he said.

"I hope she has a good life. This is a compromise. I hope she's able to get past this and do with the rest of her life what she wants to do."

Donora (FROM PAGE THREE)

town so that they may have a better life."

Menendez serving as the borough representative to the sewage authority when his father is the authority's chairman is a conflict of interest, Jurik claimed.

Councilwoman Marie Trozzo explained that Jason Menendez is not a member of the authority; that he merely attends its meetings and reports back to council what transpires at each session.

"He is not a voting member," Trozzo said of the councilman.

Jurik, however, was undaunted and still contended it doesn't look good for council to allow the younger Menendez to attend the sewage authority meetings as the borough's representative.

Menendez told Jurik he will not apologize for attending the authority meetings as a liaison and he would not apologize for working hard on a major sewage project ongoing in the borough.

He said that since he became a member of council, he has been a leader in seeing through a $3.6 million sewage project in the borough's Allen and Place Plan area that he said is imperative to the residents in that area.

"It is so vital to get sewage in that area and I won't apologize for working so hard on that project," Menendez told Jurik.

Later in the meeting, Jurik again asked about some invoices that Stokes has not located for her.

Council president Dr. Karen Polkabla explained that the borough is audited every year and "nothing is ever said about missing invoices."

"You've had embezzlement here and rumors of another embezzlement," Jurik said. "Why wasn't that found before it was found?"

Jurik then reminded council that she is not unruly, "but I am persistent.

"And you will never have me removed from a meeting," she said.

"Funk Fest' suspects have day in court

By MARK HOFMANN
For The Valley Independent

It took nearly five hours to conduct 19 preliminary hearings Thursday for those facing drug charges after a raid at the Church of Universal Love and Music in Fayette County early last month.

On Aug. 1, the Fayette County Drug Task Force, consisting of nearly 40 officers — including task force members, state police and the county sheriff's office — held the raid at the Bullskin Township nondenominational church where 22 people were arrested during an event that was advertised as a "Funk Fest." Most of those people faced preliminary hearings yesterday at Connellsville District Judge Ronald Haggerty's office.

According to the task force, the raid netted 76 bags of marijuana, 22 bags of psychedelic mushrooms, eight tanks of nitrous oxide, two bags of hashish, several marijuana grinders and digital scales and 1,090 devices used for smoking marijuana.

Among those who waived their right to a preliminary hearing or whose charges were held for court yesterday included: Taressa Lyne King, 22, of Huntingdon; Brian King, 47, of Swedsboro, N.J.; Michele Sedota, 21, of Pittsburgh; Paul Vincent Uber, 39, and Beth Ann Uber, 45, both of Northeast, Pa.; Jerome Frank McNeill, 31, of Pittsburgh; Nicholas Adam Dayton, 22, of Callipolis, Ohio; Richard Steven Nagan, 53, of Bronx, N.Y.; Charles Bruce McCord, 29, of Frostburg, Md.; Jason Frank Cavallo, 24, of Saugraties, N.Y.; Ryan Christopher Burrer, 21, of Athens, Ohio; Jason Allen Nicholson, 26, of Everson; Alfred Jack Grimm, 23, of Connellsville; and Patrick Thomas Nicholson, 24, of Normalville.

A charge of possession with intent to deliver was dropped against Ryan Christopher Burrer, 21, of Athens, Ohio. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing on charges of possession of a controlled substance and use of drug paraphernalia.

Other defendants, like Philip Anthony Bannon, 24, of Bethel Park; Megan Lynanne Lupher, 47, of Greensburg; and Betsy Pearl Wadsworth, 37, of Greensburg arrived to court without a lawyer or a public defender. They waived their right to a hearing or legal representation to county court, where they will need representation.

During an exchange with Haggerty, Lupher said there were two reasons she didn't need an attorney.

"One, I can't afford one; and two, I'm not guilty, so I don't need an attorney," she said.

It was later explained to her that public defenders are provided free of charge for those who cannot afford an attorney.

In Memory Of
Ron McFall

In loving memory of our beloved son & grandson, **Ron McFall**, who passed away 2 years ago today, September 11, 2007.
Today our hearts are heavy, our thoughts are all of thee, how we really miss you, dear, no one but God can see.
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Vote on pension bill delayed

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A bill to overhaul Pennsylvania's municipal pensions law and help Philadelphia solve its money problems won't get a vote in the state House of Representatives before Friday.

A flap over the municipal pension provisions that the Republican-controlled Senate added to the bill remained unresolved Thursday after several days of talks with the House Democratic majority.

A spokeswoman for the House Democrats says they hope to force a House vote Friday on changes in the pension fund provisions.

Johnna Pro says their amendment would strip away requirements that funds with the most serious financial problems freeze benefits for current employees and reduce benefits for new hires. It also would give Pittsburgh two years to fix its problems.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the Senate GOP supports the changes.

Dispute (FROM PAGE THREE)

she said, holding the letter. "You guys didn't feel my son deserved an apology."

Szakal told council it saddened her that she had to go to council to "beg for an apology."

Councilman Thomas Kostolansky said the letter was addressed to her husband because he was the only member of the family who attended the meeting.

Christine Szakal said she has numerous responsibilities in her personal life, including work and church duties.

"Just because I wasn't there does not mean that I don't care," she said.

She then tried to address Vince, who was seated at the borough officials table.

Vince asked her why she was not at the hearing.

Szakal said she works and she was not going to take off a day of work to go to a hearing.

"I had to take a day off," Vince replied.

Councilwoman Marie Trozzo said that it was her opinion that the matter was a personal one between Vince and the Szakals and that the borough should not get involved.

"Patsy is our fire chief," Trozzo said. "But he wasn't acting as fire chief (during the incident with the younger Szakal)."

She added that the spat is a "neighborhood dispute" and that there have been neighborhood disputes as long as there have been neighborhoods.

"What else do you want us to do?" Trozzo asked.

Szakal said she was disappointed in the borough's stand and claimed it's a bad lesson for her son to learn.

She said the victim at the heart of the matter "is a 13-year-old child."

"What if it was your child?" she asked council members.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Sept. 11, the 254th day of 2009. There are 111 days left in the year. This is Patriot Day.

Today's Highlight

On Sept. 11, 2001, America saw its worst day of terrorism. Nearly 3,000 people died when two hijacked jetliners smashed into New York's World Trade Center, causing the twin towers to fall; a commandeered jetliner plowed into the Pentagon; and a fourth hijacked plane was crashed in a field in western Pennsylvania.

On this date:

■ In 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

■ In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.

■ In 1941, groundbreaking took place for the Pentagon outside Washington D.C.

■ In 1954, the Miss America pageant made its network TV debut on ABC; Miss California, Lee Meriwether, was crowned the winner.

■ In 1971, former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev died at age 77.

■ In 1972, the troubled Munich Summer Olympics ended.

■ In 1973, Chilean President Salvador Allende died in a violent military coup.

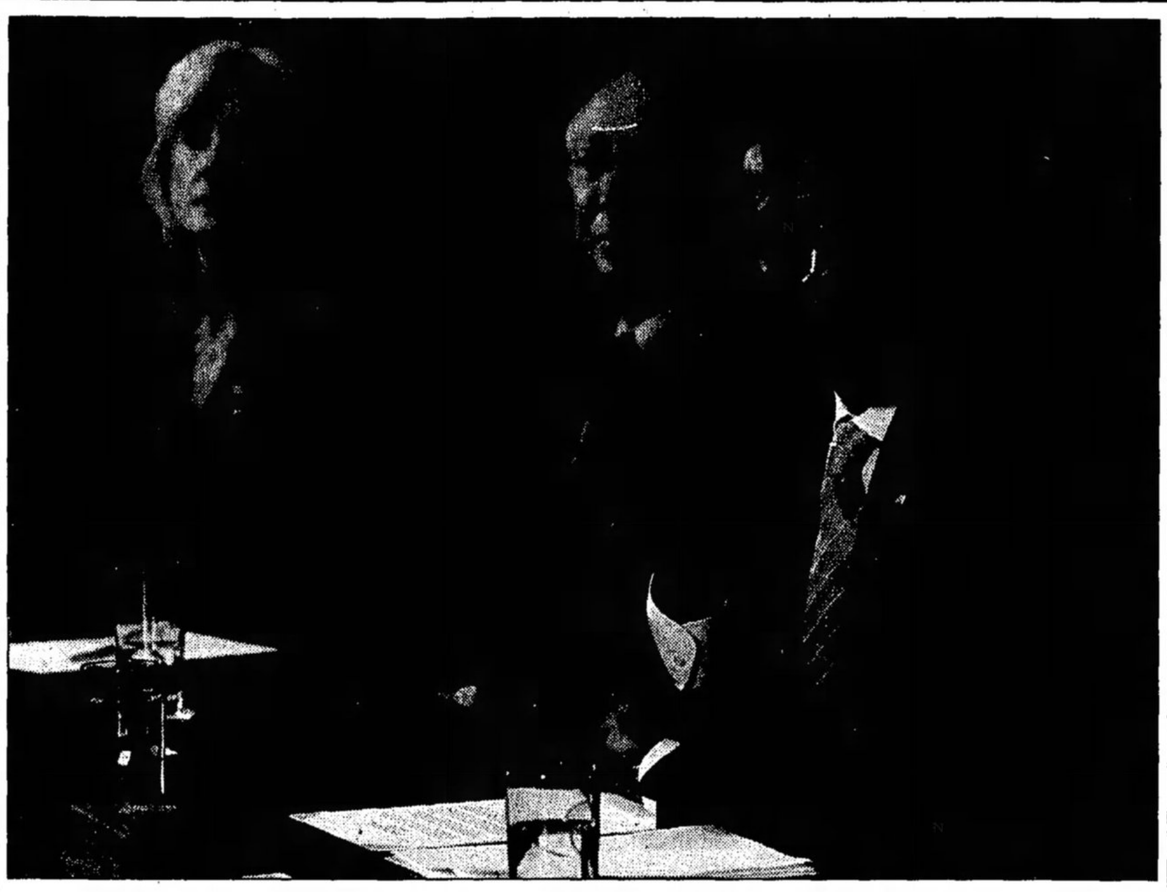
■ In 1974, an Eastern Airlines DC-9 crashed during a landing attempt in Charlotte, N.C., killing 72 of the people on board.

■ **Ten years ago**: President Bill Clinton, attending a conference of Asia-Pacific leaders in New Zealand, demanded that Indonesia allow an international force to restore peace in East Timor.

■ **Five years ago**: Parents and grandparents of those lost on Sept. 11 stood at the World Trade Center site and marked the third anniversary of the attacks.

■ **One year ago**: Presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama put aside politics as they visited ground zero together on the anniversary of 9/11 to honor its victims.

■ **Today's Birthdays**: Actress Betsy Drake is 86. Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, is 85. Actor Earl Holliman is 81. Newspaper columnist David S. Broder is 80. Movie director Brian De Palma is 69. Rock musician Mickey Hart (The Dead) is 66. Singer-musician Leo Kottke is 64. Actor Phillip Alford is 61. Actress Amy Madigan is 59. Rock singer-musician Tommy Shaw (Styx) is 56. Sports reporter Lesley Visser is 56. Actor Reed Birney is 55. Singer-songwriter Diane Warren is 53. Musician Jon Moss (Culture Club) is 52. Actor Scott Patterson is 51. Rock musician Mick Talbot (The Style Council) is 51. Actress Roxann Dawson is 51. Actress Kristy McNichol is 47. Musician-composer Moby is 44. Singer Harry Connick Jr. is 42. Rock musician Bart Van Der Zeeuw is 41. Actress Laura Wright is 39. Rock musician Jeremy Popoff (Lit) is 38. Blogger Markos Moulitsas is 38. Rock singer Ben Lee is 31. Ed Reed is 31. Actor Ryan Slattery is 31. Actor Tyler Hoechlin is 22.



Associated Press

President Barack Obama speaks while meeting with his Cabinet at the White House in Washington on Thursday about health care reform. From left are Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and the president.

Democrats answer Obama's call for action on health care reform

Despite a host of sticky issues, Dem leaders see legislation passing within a few months.

By ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Democratic leaders wrestling with health care legislation are confronting a host of knotty issues such as medical malpractice, abortion, illegal immigrants and Medicaid, all the while predicting passage of sweeping health care legislation within a few months.

"That's the legislative process," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said as she and other Democrats shifted from praising President Barack Obama's health care speech this week to the less glamorous task of trying to negotiate a bill that will pass muster with a host of opposing factions.

"As issues emerge, let's drill down on the public option, let's drill down on what this means to small business, let's drill down on what this means to seniors," Pelosi, D-Calif., said Thursday.

Increasingly, events in the Senate Finance Committee appeared pivotal, precursor to likely votes in both the House and the Senate by early October.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., has said he will convene the committee the week after next to vote on legislation that would meet Obama's goal of expanding access to health care, providing consumer protection to those with coverage and slowing the growth of medical spending overall.

Still unclear was whether Baucus would get a bipartisan deal after months of negotiating with two other Democrats and three Republicans on his committee — the so-called Gang of Six. If he doesn't, Baucus has said he'll go it alone, but a bipartisan compromise is still in play, with another meeting scheduled for later today.

Aides were reviewing lists of proposed changes from members of the group — primarily the Republicans — touching on issues that included how much states must pay for a proposed expansion of Medicaid, prohibiting federal funding of abortion, reducing medical malpractice costs, ensuring illegal immigrants don't get insurance and a possible phase-in of coverage for legal immigrants.

Support from two of the Republicans — Chuck Grassley of Iowa and Mike Enzi of Wyoming — looked uncertain. The third, Olympia Snowe of Maine, was a surer bet for Baucus.

Baucus said Obama's speech to Congress and the nation on Wednesday helped create momentum for his group "and also the recognition that changing the system is an inevitability."

With that comes the desire to "work a little harder to see if we can figure out a way," Baucus said.

Whatever bill the Finance Committee approves must be blended with legislation approved earlier in another panel, and is expected to reach the Senate floor by early October.

In the House, the three committees with jurisdiction have already passed bills and Democratic leaders were working to combine them before bringing a package to the floor.

Presuming both chambers pass legislation, then would come the daunting task of melding the two bills and bringing the finished product back for final votes in both chambers.

The initial House bill is likely to include a new government-run insurance plan to compete with the private market, but Baucus long ago embraced establishing nonprofit cooperatives instead, and it appears unlikely liberals have the votes in his committee to overrule him.

Negotiators look at malpractice changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Following President Barack Obama's offer of compromise on an issue that has long divided Washington, health care negotiators are considering proposals to foster alternatives to medical malpractice lawsuits.

The possibility that malpractice changes could be part of health care legislation that suddenly seems to have better chances of passing has sent doctors and trial lawyers scrambling.

Senators on the Finance Committee are looking at the possibility of special courts in which a judge with medical expertise would hear malpractice cases, says Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D. The theory is that medical judges wouldn't be as easily swayed by emotion as are lay juries. Other possibilities include the option of arbitration, as well as some liability protection for doctors who follow "best practice" clinical standards.

Many economists are skeptical that malpractice insurance premiums paid by doctors — or even the practice of defensive medicine to avoid litigation — are major reasons for soaring health care costs. But the issue remains because conservatives in both parties believe doctors routinely order up tests their patients don't need because they're afraid of getting sued.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Geithner sees recession easing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing emerging financial sector stability, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Thursday that a number of government rescue efforts in place since the Wall Street crisis are no longer needed and that banks will repay $50 billion in rescue funds over the next 18 months.

Geithner, testifying before a congressional watchdog panel, said the nation still has a ways to go before "true recovery takes hold."

But he said improved conditions in the banking industry have prompted Treasury to begin winding down emergency support programs implemented after the collapse of Lehman Brothers last year.

"The financial system is showing very important signs of repair," Geithner said. He added later: "I would not want anyone to be left with the impression that we're not still facing really substantial enormous challenges throughout the U.S. financial system."

The cautious but upbeat tone reflects a growing push by the administration to present the government financial rescue efforts as a success amid lingering public apprehension about the economy.

President Barack Obama will speak to that issue Monday in New York when he makes what the White House described as a major address on steps the administration has taken to mitigate the Wall Street crisis and its commitment to winding down the government's role in the financial sector.

Monday is the first year anniversary of Lehman Brothers' collapse.

Fighting swine flu more managable

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fighting the swine flu may have gotten more manageable.

Australian and U.S. researchers said Thursday that one dose of the new swine flu vaccine looks strong enough to protect adults — and can begin protection within 10 days of the shot.

Australian drug maker CSL Ltd. published results of a study that found 75 percent to 96 percent of vaccinated people should be protected with a single dose — the same degree of effectiveness as the regular winter flu shot. That's remarkable considering scientists thought it would take two doses.

U.S. data to be released later today confirm those findings and show the protection starts rapidly, Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health told The Associated Press.

"This is quite good news," Fauci said.

The dose question has an important ramification: It means people will have to line up for influenza vaccinations twice this year instead of three times — once for the regular winter flu shot and a second time to be inoculated against swine flu, what doctors call the 2009 H1N1 strain.

GM to unveil new refund program

DETROIT (AP) - General Motors is hoping to jumpstart its revival by guaranteeing car buyers that if they don't like their new Chevrolet, GMAC, Buick or Cadillac, they have 60 days to bring it back for a full refund.

The marketing effort that starts Monday is called "May the Best Car Win" and aims to win back customers leery of GM since it filed for bankruptcy protection earlier this year.

The nation's largest automaker needs to improve sales so it can repay billions in government loans and stay in business.

New GM Chairman Edward Whitacre Jr. will appear in the initial burst of ads, telling viewers in his folksy, Texas accent that he too had doubts about the company when he joined this summer.

But now, he likes the cars he's seen, and consumers should too. If they don't, they can have their money back.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

HARRISBURG (AP) — Two players matched all five winning numbers drawn in Thursday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will each receive $288,590.

Lottery officials said 112 players matched four numbers and won $335.50 each; 5,124 players matched three numbers and won $12 each; and 64,841 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery's "Cash 5" game were: 02-03-26-30-43

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Lottery Results

PENNSYLVANIA LOTTERY — PENNSYLVANIA — DAILY NUMBERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	8-3-7
NIGHT PICK 3:	3-8-9
DAY PICK BIG 4:	5-9-9-6
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	8-2-3-7
DAY QUINTO:	2-2-5-1-2
NIGHT QUINTO:	9-5-5-7-8
TREASURE HUNT:	1-4-6-20-30
CASH 5:	2-3-26-30-43
MIX & MATCH:	13-12-14-4-17

OHIO LOTTERY — OHIO — DAILY NUMBERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	9-4-7
NIGHT PICK 3:	7-3-0
DAY PICK 4:	2-8-2-9
NIGHT PICK 4:	4-0-8-5
ROLLING CASH 5:	3-9-26-27-33

WEST VIRGINIA LOTTERY — WEST VIRGINIA — DAILY NUMBERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

DAILY 3:	8-2-0
DAILY 4:	9-8-0-6
CASH 25:	2-7-19-20-21-25

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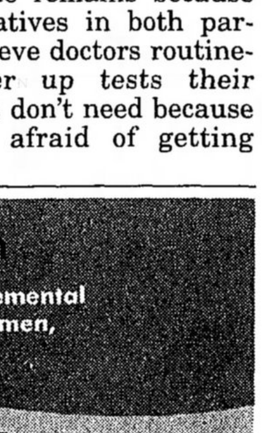

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OUR OPINION

Patriot Day 2009: Never forget

YOUR OPINION

President should have been heard

To the Editor:

Not wanting our children to view President Obama's speech showed total disrespect to the president of the United States.

I was there when Martin Luther King Jr. made the greatest speech I had ever heard. To me, this speech turned the whole United States around. There were 250,000 people there, not only adults but school children, white people, black people, Asians and Puerto Ricans — all people.

I am most certain that our president, being a father, would not speak to our children about wrongness. I think he is too well bred to do that.

So I am asking, where is freedom of speech now? Our children are going into the world. They will be making decisions of their own. Why not let them hear our president.

There would have been on harm done.

Katherine Cunningham
Monessen

ANOTHER VIEW

The News-Journal, Daytona Beach, Fla., on college students and textbooks:

Textbooks are the prescription drugs of academia. They're just as indispensable as drugs to those who need them, just as unaffordable to many, just as irrationally priced, depending on where you live. Like some drugs that sell in Canada for half their cost in the United States or a tenth of their cost in India, the same science or math textbooks can be many times cheaper in Canada or India than they are in the United States.

For publishers, students in the United States are cash cows. College textbooks alone are a $7 billion-a-year industry. ... Textbook prices have risen more than 200 percent, or at three times the rate of inflation. ...

Florida has one of the nation's largest college and university systems in the country. It can demand lower prices from publishers for books used in public colleges and universities. It should require publishers to make electronic alternatives available. A textbook should be available on CD-ROM, for example, or online, at a lower price than a hardcover edition. ... An electronic version is immediately updated — and wastes no paper.

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Obama at the Rubicon

Pat **BUCHANAN**

If the aphorism holds — the guerrilla wins if he does not lose — the Taliban are winning and America is losing the war in Afghanistan.

Well into the eighth year of war, the Taliban are more numerous than ever, inflicting more casualties than ever, operating in more provinces than ever and controlling more territory than ever. And their tactics are more sophisticated.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal calls the situation "serious." Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Adm. Michael Mullen calls it "serious" and "deteriorating."

President Obama thus faces a decision that may decide the fate of his presidency. For if the situation is grave and deteriorating, he cannot do nothing. Inaction invites, if it does not assure, defeat.

Does he cut U.S. losses, write off Afghanistan as not worth any more American blood and treasure, and execute a strategic retreat?

Or does he become the war president who sends McChrystal the scores of thousands of U.S. troops necessary to stave off a defeat for all the years needed to conscript and train an Afghan army that can and will defend the Kabul regime and pacify the country?

Afghanistan is being called Obama's Vietnam.

It could become that, and bring down his presidency as Vietnam brought down Lyndon Johnson's. But Afghanistan is not yet Vietnam in terms either of troops committed or casualties taken.

The 68,000 Americans who will be in Afghanistan at year's end are an eighth of the forces in Vietnam when Richard Nixon began to bring them home. Vietnam cost the lives of 58,000 Americans. The Afghan war has cost fewer than 1,000. U.S. casualties in Afghanistan are as yet only a fifth of the U.S. losses in the Philippine Insurrection of 1899-1902.

If we compare Afghanistan to Vietnam, we are about in 1964, when the Tonkin Gulf Resolution was passed and the bombing of the North began, or December 1965, when the Marines came ashore at Danang.

Obama can still choose not to fight this war.

But should he so choose, he will be charged by Republicans and neoconservatives with a loss of nerve, with having cut and run, with having lost what he himself has repeatedly called a "war of necessity," with having abandoned the noble cause for which many of America's best and bravest have already paid the ultimate price.

And it needs be said: The consequences of a U.S. withdrawal today would be far greater than if we had never gone in, or had gone in, knocked over the Taliban, run al-Qaida out of the country, gotten out and gone home.

Instead, we brought NATO in, put tens of thousands of troops in and declared our determination to build an Afghan democracy that would be a model for the Islamic world, where women's rights were protected.

After inviting the world to observe how the superpower succeeds in taking down a tyranny and creating a democracy, we will have failed, and we will be perceived by the whole world to have failed.

While there was no vital U.S. interest in Afghanistan before we went in, we have invested so much blood, money and prestige that withdrawal now — which would entail a Taliban takeover of Kabul and the Pashtun south and east — would be a strategic debacle unprecedented since the fall of Saigon.

But what if Obama approves McChrystal's request and puts another 20,000 to 40,000 U.S. troops into the war?

Certainly, that would stave off any defeat. But what is the assurance it would bring enduring victory closer? The Taliban have matched us escalation for escalation and are now militarily stronger than at any time since the Northern Alliance, with U.S. air support, ran them out of Kabul.

. About the political consequences of escalation, there is no doubt.

Obama would divide his party and country. His support would steadily sink as the roll call of U.S. dead and wounded inexorably rose. He would watch as the NATO allies moved toward the exit and America was left alone to fight alongside the Afghans in a seemingly endless war.

Consider. If there were no Americans in Afghanistan today, and the Taliban were on the verge of victory, how many of us would demand the dispatch of 68,000 troops to fight to prevent it? Few, if any, one imagines.

What that answer suggests is that the principal reason for fighting on is not that Afghanistan is vital, but that we cannot accept the American defeat and humiliation that withdrawal would mean.

Thus Obama's dilemma: Accept a longer, bloodier war with little hope of ultimate victory, a decision that could cost him his presidency. Or order a U.S. withdrawal and accept defeat, a decision that could cost him his presidency.

In such situations, presidents often decide not to decide.

The Rangel problem

Byron **York**

It hasn't received much attention amid news of Ted Kennedy, Obamacare and the worsening outlook in Afghanistan, but an extraordinary situation is developing in the House of Representatives. With each passing day, it's becoming more clear that the powerful committee chairman in charge of writing America's tax laws is a financial wheeler-dealer, a serial asset hider and a tax offender.

Rep. Charles Rangel has been in the House since 1971. He's as old bull as you get in the Democratic hierarchy, and he waited 12 long years of Republican rule to take over as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in 2007. Along with Speaker Nancy Pelosi and fellow Democratic powerbrokers Henry Waxman and Barney Frank, Rangel is playing a key role in the effort to push the president's healthcare, environmental and financial initiatives through the House.

Recently, we learned that Rangel filed a grossly misleading financial-disclosure report for 2007 — failing to report at least $500,000 in assets.

It turns out Rangel had a credit-union account worth at least $250,000 and maybe as much as $500,000 — and didn't report it. He had investment accounts worth about the same, which he also didn't report. Ditto for three pieces of property in New Jersey.

Beyond that, we've learned that Rangel has failed to report assets totaling more than $1 million on legally required financial-disclosure forms going back to at least 2001.

The news comes on top of revelations last year that Rangel didn't report — and didn't pay taxes on — income from a villa in the Caribbean. In that matter, the IRS gave him sweetheart treatment; Rangel paid about $10,000 in back taxes but was not required to pay any penalty or interest.

Rangel's doings are under investigation by the House Ethics Committee, which so far hasn't taken any action. Democrats are standing behind their chairman — after the latest revelations, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi reaffirmed her support of Rangel — and minority Republicans can't do anything about it.

But give the GOP points for trying. In February, Republicans introduced a resolution calling for Rangel to be removed as chairman. It failed, 242 to 157.

The Republican leadership also wrote a letter to Pelosi urging that Rangel "step down from his Ways and Means chairmanship pending an investigation of his ethical lapses." That went nowhere, too.

And then there is H.R. 735, also known as the "Rangel Rule Act of 2009."

The work of Rep. John Carter, a Texan who spent two decades as a judge before coming to the House in 2002, H.R. 735 would require the IRS to give everyone the same kid-glove treatment it gave Rangel.

The bill's title is modeled on something known in Texas as the "Hobby Rule." In the 1970s, Bill Hobby, then the state lieutenant governor, was pulled over for drunk driving. Hobby was taken to the police station, but when his attorney showed up in the wee hours of the morning, authorities simply let Hobby go — no bond, no nothing. That special treatment became a precedent for future drunk-driving cases, as lawyers cited the "Hobby Rule" to demand their clients be freed with no questions asked, just like Bill Hobby.

Thus the "Rangel Rule." Under H.R. 735, if you're caught cheating on your taxes, you simply pay what you owe, then write "Rangel Rule" at the top of your return, and you won't be charged any penalty or interest. That way, Carter said when he introduced the bill, ordinary taxpayers will be "treated with the same courtesy that, it seems, the IRS is treating the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee."

Of course, Carter's bill doesn't have a chance. Democrats undoubtedly see it as a joke. But the Rangel case is very, very serious.

If you don't think so, just look at this, from the front page of the Oct. 28, 2008, Washington Post: "Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, one of Congress's most powerful Republicans, was convicted yesterday of lying on financial-disclosure forms to conceal his receipt of about $250,000 in gifts and expensive renovations to his house ..."

Stevens' conviction was later thrown out because of prosecutorial misconduct, but the message was clear: This is the kind of thing you can go to jail for.

'Old Farmer's Almanac' spots cold in Web age

Some folks cling to the New England-based almanac because it has been reliable for years.

By RUSS CONTRERAS
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — Doris Smith Mills often comes across past editions of the "Old Farmer's Almanac" lying around her family's 110-year-old Westport, Mass., farm.

She believes previous Smiths read it for entertainment and its yearly weather predictions to ready for New England's fickle climate changes.

Today, the 78-year-old has the 24-hour Weather Channel and various weather Web sites at her fingertips, and her farm has technology to handle all sorts of extreme weather.

But she still reads the Dublin, N.H.-based almanac because it's been reliable for generations, she said.

"It helps us prepare," said Smith, whose family owns Noquochoke Orchards along the Westport River. "It's interesting. I like reading it."

Despite the accessibility of forecasts that rely more heavily on traditional science, the 218-year-old "Old Farmer's Almanac" and its longtime New England competitor, the Maine-based "Farmer's Almanac," still draw droves of fans.

The books, which predict weather based on sunspots, planetary positions and meteorology, still are popular at farmers markets and bookstores. Each has a circulation of 3.5 million, and their Web sites are stacked with videos, blogs and podcasts.

"Old Farmer's Almanac" Editor Janice Stillman said her publication, the latest edition of which was released this week, is even looking into creating an iPhone application. "We've always been state of the art since 1792," Stillman said.

Based on their own calculations, both almanacs are predicting a colder-than-usual winter. That conflicts with the long-range forecast by the National Weather Service, which is calling for warmer-than-normal temperatures across much of the country because of an El Nino system in the tropical Pacific Ocean, said Mike Halpert, deputy director of the NOAA Climate Prediction Center in Camp Springs, Md.

The "Old Farmer's Almanac" also predicts a cooler summer and says a major hurricane will hit Florida next September. Stillman said upcoming solar activity, such as sunspots, are one of the factors in the almanac's predictions.

John Nielsen-Gammon, an atmospheric science professor at Texas A&M University, said predicting long-range weather is a challenge for scientists and laymen alike. But El Nino and La Nina systems have proven to be good indicators of what to expect, he said.

"There is no known evidence that sunspots have but a small effect on the earth's climate," said Nielsen-Gammon. "And we're talking about a couple of tenths of a degree Celsius difference."

Still, Judson Hale, the semiretired chairman and longtime pitchman for the "Old Farmer's Almanac," said there have always been almanac doubters. Hale, 76, said the almanac uses a combination of science and a "secret formula" created by founder Robert B. Thomas. That combination, Hale said, has produced what he calls an "80 percent accuracy rate" in predicting long-range weather.

The secret formula, according to the almanac's Web site, is kept in a black box that is locked away in the New Hampshire offices and can only be accessed by a handful of employees.

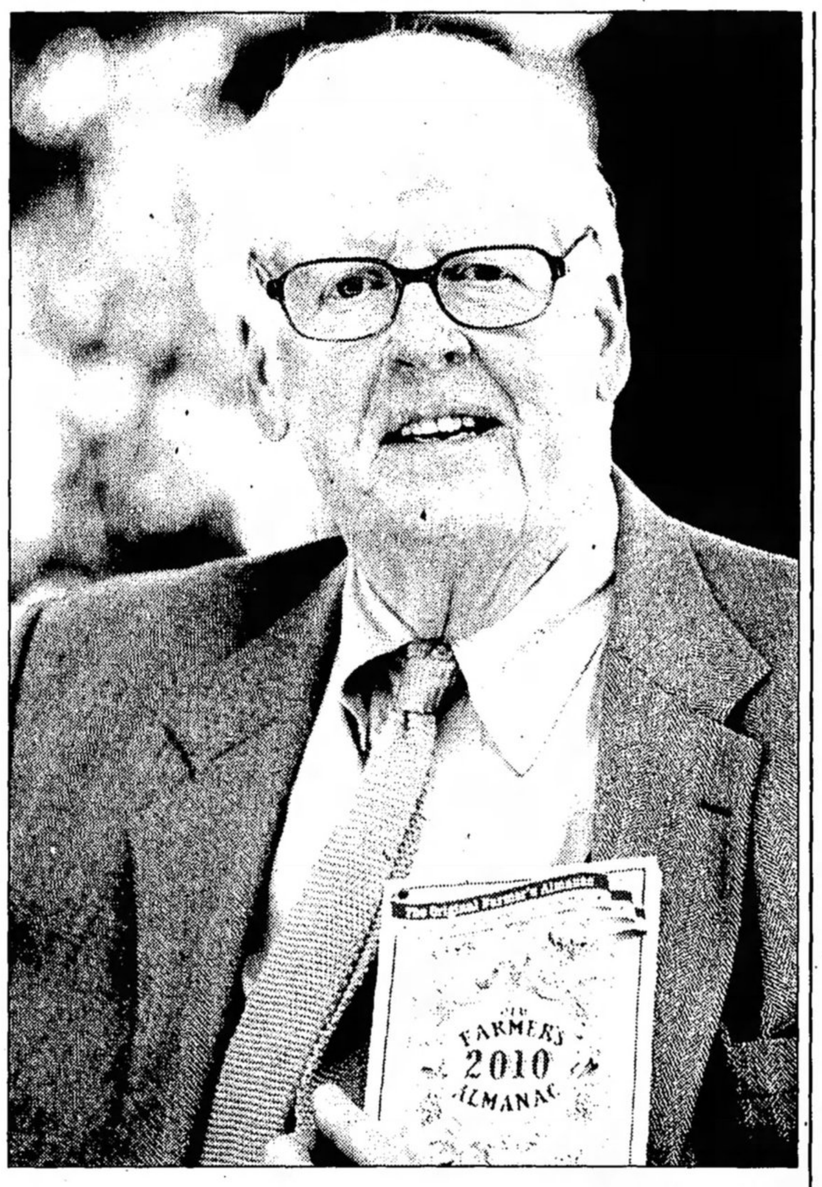
Besides its weather predictions, the "Old Farmer's Almanac" also is known for its quirky stories and advice tidbits. For example, in the 2010 edition, the almanac advises readers on how to prevent their suitcases from collecting an odor when traveling. It advises travelers to put their socks and underwear in plastic bags and place the bags inside their shoes. Then put the shoes inside old, clean socks before packing them in the suitcase.

Hale admits the "Old Farmer's Almanac" has been viewed by some as a "bit hokey." He suspects that might explain how he ended up sharing the spotlight with certain guests at some of his media appearances.

Many years ago, he appeared on a Cleveland television show next to a guest who could play "America the Beautiful" with his armpit and another guest who was said to be the world's tallest woman, he said.

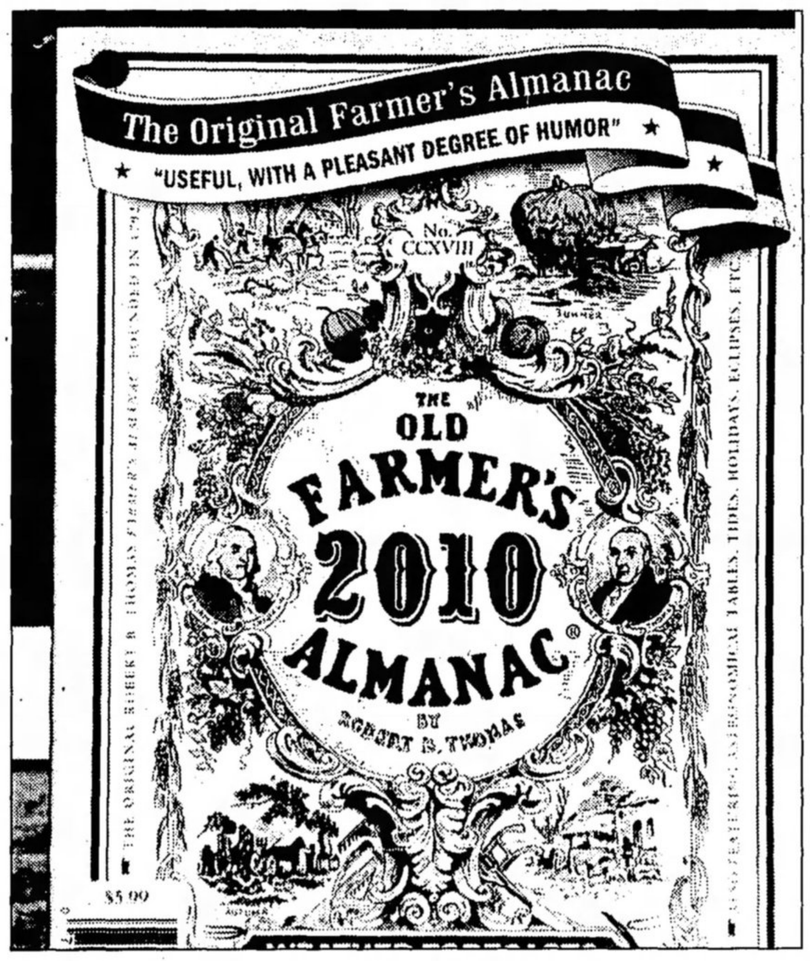
"I just tried to be dignified," Hale said. "But I've often thought, 'Was there a message in all these groupings?' And if so, what was the message?"

There also have been odd coincidences. In 1978, a scheduled appearance on ABC's Good Morning America was canceled when Pope Paul VI died. When the show rescheduled Hale months later, his appearance was canceled again. The new pope, John Paul I, had died.



Associated Press

Jud Hale, editor of the Old Farmer's Almanac, poses with a copy of the 2010 Old Farmers Almanac in Boston. The venerable almanac's 2010 edition, which went on sale Tuesday, says numbing cold will predominate in the country's midsection, from the Rocky Mountains in the West to the Appalachians in the East.



Associated Press

Here's a look at the 2010 edition of "The Old Farmer's Almanac," which went on sale Tuesday.

Stamps honor '40s actor & Thanksgiving parades

Gary Cooper portrayed Sgt. Alvin York in "Sergeant York" and Lou Gehrig in "Pride of the Yankees."

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Thanksgiving Parade of stamps began their march on Wednesday, and another honoring actor Gary Cooper moseyed into post offices on Thursday.

The four 44-cent parade stamps were released at ceremonies at Herald Square in New York, commemorating this traditional day of family togetherness, food and football.

"In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued a Proclamation of Thanksgiving, marking the beginning of national recognition of an annual U.S. Thanksgiving holiday," said Joseph Corbett, Postal Service chief financial officer and executive vice president.

The stamps illustrate a marching band, large balloons of favorite animals and popular characters and crowds of onlookers.

Cooper's stamp, latest in the Legends of Hollywood series, was released in a ceremony at the Autry National Center of the American West in Los Angeles.

Cooper started in the movie business as a stunt man, earning his pay falling off horses in westerns.

After changing his name from Frank James Cooper to Gary Cooper, he became a popular leading man.

Cooper won an Oscar for his portrayal of Sgt. Alvin York, in "Sergeant York," in 1941. The following year he played slugger Lou Gehrig in "The Pride of the Yankees."

Senior Snapshot

Lee Kramer, 78, of California

Her most memorable historic moment was hearing about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Kramer was shopping for her brother's wedding while living in Philadelphia when she heard the news on television.

Read each Friday as older Valley residents recall the most memorable moments in their lives.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Here's a rundown on activities scheduled at local senior centers for next week:

BROWNSVILLE

Monday – 10:30, games and socializing; 12:30, bingo.

Tuesday – 10, ceramics, 10:30, skat and socializing; 1, bingo.

Wednesday – 10:30, games and socializing; 11, Albert Gallatin-blood pressures; 11:15, sit 'n fit exercise class; 11:45, wild pill drawing and lucky five drawing; 1, bowling and bingo; 50's trivia games, prizes, ice cream social.

Thursday – 10:30, skat and socializing; 12:30, cards and bingo.

Friday – 10, skat, pokeno and socializing; 1, bingo.

CENTER IN THE WOODS

Monday – 7:30, walking; 8, lab services; 9, beauty shop; 10, watercolor; 1, German choir, cards, choir; 7, hatha yoga.

Tuesday – 7:30, walking; 8, lab services; 9, beauty shop, silver sneakers; 10, zumba gold; 10:30, scanning; 11, healthy steps; 1, bingo, cards, dart ball, news/views.

Wednesday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop; 10:30, Bible study; 10, oil painting; 10:30, Bible study; 1, cards; 1:15, card party; 1:30, hearing screening; 3, basket guild.

Thursday – 7:30, walking; 8, lab services; 9, beauty shop, silver sneakers; 9:50, belly dancing; 10:30, scanning; 11, blood pressures, healthy steps; 1, cards, bingo, jam.

Friday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop; 1, dart ball, Bible study; 1:15, afternoon movie.

DONORA

Monday – 10, line dancing; 11:45, bingo; 1, bingo.

Tuesday – 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno, bingo.

Wednesday – 10, beginners' line dancing; 11:45, bingo.

Thursday – 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

Friday – 11:45, bingo.

RIVERSIDE PLACE (CHARLEROI)

Monday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 10, yoga classes, exercise for arthritis; 11:30, bingo; 1, darts; 4:45, zumba; Wii, jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 11:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles; Wii (video games); 5, yoga classes.

Wednesday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 11, silver sneakers; 11:30, bingo; noon-1, blood pressures; 1, big bingo, Wii; jigsaw puzzles; 7, MV Community Band rehearsals.

Thursday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 10, exercise for arthritis; 11:30, bingo; Wii; jigsaw puzzles;

Friday – 8, fried dough; 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 10:30, "Effects of Music on Stress/Blood Pressure"-Susan with UMWA; 11, Donnie Cameron, country singer; 11:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles; Wii.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Monday – 9-11, "Grandparents are special" social; 10:30, bingo, "The Flu and You"-Mon Valley Hospital; 11, canasta; 12:45, euchre; 6:30, pinochle.

Tuesday – 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 11, crafts; 1, card club; pinochle; 7, euchre.

Wednesday – 10:30, bingo, Bible study; 11:30, blood pressures; 1, country jam session.

Thursday – 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 7-10, Sound of Country Band.

Friday – super senior stride 3K walk; 10:30, bingo.

MONONGAHELA

Monday – 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 9, crafts; 11:30, bingo; 1:30, bingo; 1, cards, darts; jigsaw puzzles; 6, Thursday evening social.

Wednesday – 10, property tax-rent rebates-Pete Daley's office, dominoes, 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles.

Thursday – 11, "Flu Facts"-PrimeTime Health; 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles; 6, Thursday night social.

Friday – 11:30, bingo; Albert Gallatin with ice cream social after lunch; 1, cards, jigsaw puzzles.

PERRYOPOLIS

Monday – 9, poker club, card club; 10, healthy steps; 1, cards and table games; jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 8, walking; 10, sing along, pinochle, singalong; 1, pickin and grinning; jigsaw puzzles.

Wednesday – 8, walking; 9:30, bingo, jigsaw puzzles.

Thursday – 8, walking; 9, ceramics; 10, healthy steps; 1, crafts; jigsaw puzzles.

Friday – 8, walking; 9:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles and games.

SENIOR CENTER MENUS

Here's a look at lunch menus for local senior citizen centers for next week:

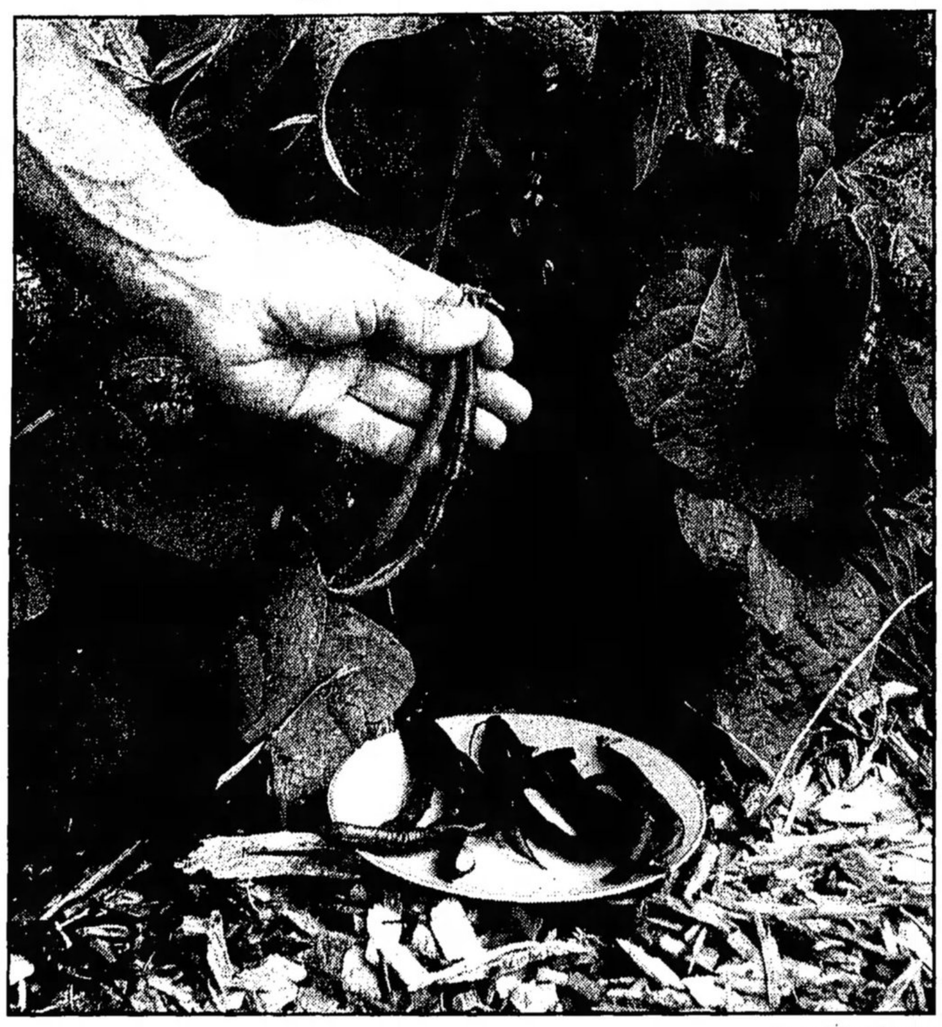
Center on the Hill, Donora, Monongahela Perryopolis and Riverside Place

Monday – hamburger
Tuesday – baked chicken
Wednesday – vegetable lasagna
Thursday – beef stew
Friday – macaroni and cheese

Monessen and West Newton

Monday – pepper steak
Tuesday – turkey breast
Wednesday – chicken breast
Thursday – sausage links
Friday – ziti

Why are my beans purple?



Associated Press

A natural group of chemical, called anthocyanins, are what put the purple in purple green beans, as well as the purple in grapes, plums, and, less familiar, purple broccoli.

Anthocyanins provide the color in a number of foods and plants.

By LEE REICH
For The Associated Press

It sure would be hard to explain to any young child why cooking would turn purple beans, such as the variety Royal Burgundy, from purple to green. Which cooking does.

You can't respond by just saying, "Anthocyanins, my dear." You may have to wait a few years before offering a thorough answer.

A natural group of chemicals, called anthocyanins, are what put the purple in purple green beans, as well as in grapes, plums and, less familiar, purple broccoli. Anthocyanins are also what make roses and geraniums red, and cornflowers and delphiniums blue.

Not yellows and oranges, though; those colors come from carotenoids, which also are responsible for certain reds in plants. In the case of beets and bougainvilleas, the red comes from yet another natural pigment, called betacyanin.

A Color-Changing Chemical

But back to anthocyanins. How can the very same anthocyanin — and there are a few different kinds — that makes one vegetable or flower red make another vegetable or flower blue?

Acidity of the cell sap is the key. The particular anthocyanin that is red in the very acidic sap of a rose petal is blue in the less acidic sap of a cornflower petal. Anthocyanins change color with changes in acidity, and eventually turn colorless as acid levels drop.

Two things happen during cooking to make Royal Burgundy beans turn from purple to green. A direct effect of the heat is to cause decomposition of anthocyanin. Less anthocyanin means less purple. The indirect effect of heat is to burst apart cells, diluting the acidity of the cell sap. The green color, which was present but masked by the anthocyanin, becomes prominent once the anthocyanin concentration drops, and what anthocyanin is still left becomes bathed in liquid insufficiently acidic to keep it purple.

A similar thing happens when you cook red cabbage. It turns colorless after awhile. You can also expect purple broccoli, purple asparagus, purple tomatillos, even purple peppers to lose their purple color after cooking. Red peppers stay red, though, because carotenoids give them their red color.

Purple has its Purposes

It may seem foolish to grow a purple vegetable if it is going to turn green anyway after you cook it. It's not as if that purple color does anything for flavor.

In nature, anthocyanins do have a purpose though, attracting insects to flowers and protecting plants from ultraviolet radiation, which is why you find purple in many alpine plants. Carrot shoulders exposed to sunlight sometimes even turn purple.

Actually, that purple in a vegetable does do us gardeners some good. The color can be very pretty in the vegetable garden. Also, because Royal Burgundy's foliage stays green, it is easier to pick out the purple pods from among the leaves. And perhaps birds can more easily spot and devour green cabbage worms on purple broccoli and red cabbage than on green varieties of either vegetable.

Furthermore, those purple beans do not really have to turn green before you eat them. You can eat green — or purple — beans raw, as many children, especially, often do. The way to prevent or lessen the color change of any cooked purple vegetable is to soak it before cooking in vinegar or lemon juice, increasing the acidity. Then minimize cooking. Because anthocyanins are tasteless, preserving the purple color will have no effect on flavor.

Mixing old and new is great design strategy

Express your style by combining past and present.

By MELISSA RAYWORTH
For The Associated Press

You probably didn't realize, when you put an ornate old picture frame next to the sleek Pottery Barn sofa in your living room, that you had your finger on the pulse of America's design culture.

But you did.

What some interior designers call "transitional" decorating — artfully mixing contemporary pieces with vintage ones — is "the No. 1 featured style in magazines like House Beautiful, and in Elle Decor on a fine level, and in Cottage Living," says interior designer Mallory Mathison.

It's a trend that seems tailor-made for 2009. It works in any room, and helps you get style mileage out of things you already own or buy second-hand. It's also environmentally friendly and practical to use older items in otherwise contemporary rooms.

"There is something to be said about a well-made, 50-year-old piece still doing its job in your present home," says designer Brian Patrick Flynn. "A lot of older things were just made better. But mixing those quality older pieces with something new gives them a fresh look."

Another money-saver: The look can be easily tweaked and ages beautifully, unlike all-modern or all-traditional rooms. "If everything is brand new and matchy-matchy," Flynn says, "your home will look like a catalog or a showroom and appear flat or dated."

Designer Janine Carendi agrees: "Interiors that do not age well," she says, "are those that are designed without any reference to other styles."

Mixing old and new has its challenges, of course. But it can be done just as easily and more affordably than sticking with one style. "Contemporary is hard to pull off without looking cheap if you don't have very fine things," Mathison says. "And traditional can get old and staid if you don't have very fine pieces also."

Another bonus: This approach is all about personal expression.

"I have never come across a client who is one-dimensional," Carendi says. "And interiors should reflect their experiences, tastes, travels and personalities. Mixing old and new is a way to achieve this."

Sounds appealing. But how do you create an eye-catching combination of old and new, rather than a jumbled hodgepodge of conflicting styles?

Texture, Scale and Shape

"It doesn't matter how many old or new pieces are mixed together, but rather how it's done," says Flynn, whose trademark style is creatively combining the two. "A muted, traditional sitting room can be totally updated with one piece of bold modern art. On the flip side, a super-minimalist modern space can be given that unexpected touch of traditional with a crystal chandelier hanging above a sleek dining table."

One good tactic is using contrasting textures, like smooth and rough or shiny and matte. "If your new pieces and old pieces all have the same or similar textures, the room will fall flat," Flynn says. "If your new sofa has the same type of upholstery as an old ottoman, break it up by introducing a new texture with throw pillows."

"In my old loft, I paired a sleek 1960's vinyl sofa with rustic barn door window shutters, a gigantic traditional brass chandelier sprayed red, chrome 1970's club chairs and a super plush kelly green shag rug. It worked well because it was balanced and had a collected look. The different styles were all united through color and scale."

You're aiming for contrast, but not cacophony. "I would not mix more than a few styles," says Carendi, but the percentage of old versus new is up to you. "It depends on your concept. Is the room meant to be more traditional? Then use more antiques. And vice versa."

Apparently, size matters. "Ensure that the proportions of the furniture do not fight and that the size of one does not overwhelm the other," she says. "Look at the individual shape of each piece."

Where to do it

Mixing old and new can work in any room, Carendi says, "even nurseries."

For bedrooms, says Flynn, "I like to go new with the actual bed and bedding, but pair those with old side tables and accessories. The sleek, tailored look of a new bed with aged furniture and accessories makes a beautiful combination."

For dining rooms, he says, try "rustic farm tables paired with clean modern seating."

Style Strategies

One easy approach, says Mathison, is grouping several of the same items from different eras. "Hang five mirrors on a wall," she says, "maybe an old one from your grandmother, an old one from a flea market, a new one from Pottery Barn... It looks like a lot of thought and design went into it." You can do the same with pieces of china or other types of items.

Old lighting fixtures or lamps from flea markets (or your attic) can bring cool contrast to an otherwise modern room. "Just have them painted, rewired, or get new lampshades," Mathison says.

You can even do a mix of old and new within a single item: Take a traditional piece of furniture, perhaps something Queen Anne or Chippendale, and have it reupholstered in a bold geometric print or brightly colored solid.

You may want to spend a few days or weeks tinkering with the final design. And you can always adjust it periodically.

How do you know when you've struck the right balance?

"The best way to keep it looking good is to plan from the beginning," Mathison says. "If you're hitting antique malls, it's good to go with an idea in mind, rather than just buying what you see."

But in the end, she says, trust yourself: "It's really about pulling together things you love."

Associated Press

This photo released by Sarah Dorio shows a loft by Brian Patrick Flynn which demonstrates the successful blending of old and new items through scale, texture and color.

Craigslist, eBay become interior design muses

Bargains are on these sites, but they're not easy to find.

By J.W. ELPHINSTONE
AP Real Estate Writer

After hours of scouring through the cheap and the ugly on Craigslist, interior designer MaryBeth Wilson found gold: two French-carved chairs with matching ottomans for $750.

All they needed was a good steam clean, and she had a pair of nearly perfect, antique chairs worth about $3,000 and a happy, budget-conscious client.

"You look through a lot of junk on Craigslist," Wilson said, "but you can get some great deals."

Interior designers nationwide are increasingly turning to unique, low-cost and unexpected sources — including Craigslist, estate sales and Target Corp. — to create high design on a dime and generate business as recession-weary homeowners scale back their decor ambitions. The result: less expensive and eco-friendly rooms that reflect their owners' personalities rather than cloning catalog or magazine pictures.

Call it creative survival.

Designers are working on smaller projects this year including consultation services like paint selection and reupholstering, according to a recent survey by trade group American Society of Interior Designers. Requests for interior design and decorating services dipped nationwide by almost 2 percent since last August, according to contractor-search site ServiceMagic.com. And the number furniture ads on Craigslist has grown by 50 percent in the past year, offering designers more selection.

Manhattan designer Annemarie diSalvo, for example, says some of her more money-minded clients are eschewing Italian and German fabric companies and opting for cheaper, domestic ones. One client fell for a striped, foreign-made fabric for her drapes, but she didn't love the price: $180 a yard. Using the swatch as inspiration, diSalvo found an almost identical pattern for $38 a yard from Pennsylvania-based Stout Textiles and Trimmings.

"We saved her about $6,000," she said.

Of course, not all interior design clients are going for low-cost options. Many high-end homeowners want luxury and they can afford it, designers say. And some design firms expect to book their best year ever riding on the renovation plans of the rich.

In the lower income brackets, however, austerity is en vogue.

Los Angeles designer Kerrie Kelly has been treasure-hunting in her clients' own homes to save them a buck.

"I've been in people's attics saying, 'Can we use this?'," Kelly said with a laugh.

She's reupholstered Grandma's old sitting chair, turned dining room tables into desks and rescued dusty artwork from the rafters. The old pieces not only find new uses, but they retain meaning and homeowners are happy to highlight family possessions.

Kerrie also takes advantage of big box stores like Target and Home Goods to fill in gaps where she would have normally bought designer pieces for several years ago. She loves the bedding selections at Home Goods and swears by Thomas O'Brien's plush towels at Target.

Target homed in on affordable decor by high designers 10 years ago starting with Michael Graves. Since then, the retailer has expanded its selection, offering drapes, bedding, lamps, side tables from big names such as Victoria Hagan, Rachel Ashwell, and most recently, Christiane Lemieux. Target also features limited time collections from designers such as Dror Benshetrit, who introduced his line of bedding and decorative accessories last June.

"To have a vibe of a New York designer sitting in your local Target, that reaches a totally different market," Kelly said.

NEWS

Pittsburgh area basks in glow of championship sports teams

Hours after the Penguins visited the White House on Thursday, the Steelers kicked off new NFL season on national television.

By KEVIN GORMAN
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They came together like the confluence of the Allegheny and the Monongahela to form the Ohio - the Super Bowl Steelers and the Stanley Cup Penguins winning to reclaim the title of City of Champions.

Their celebrations came to a head Thursday, when the Penguins visited the White House in what Sidney Crosby called "our last hurrah with the Cup," and the Steelers opened the 2009 NFL season against the Tennessee Titans at Heinz Field before a national television audience.

"We really have an unprecedented opportunity in front of us to promote Pittsburgh," Mayor Luke Ravenstahl said in a phone interview from New York City, where he spent the day discussing volunteerism with 16 other mayors.

Ravenstahl said the "electric" atmosphere sparked by the NFL kickoff and the Penguins' visit to Pennsylvania Avenue will last through President Obama's appearance next week at the AFL-CIO convention, Downtown, and the Group of 20 economic summit Sept. 24-25 in the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

"Pittsburgh is almost as overexposed as the president," joked Michael Edwards, president and chief executive officer of Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership. "It's a big opportunity.

For the Downtown businesses, it's certainly a shot in the arm for our self-esteem. This is an opportunity to take a step back and see what the city looks like from a world view.

"The sports success is on the tip of everybody's tongues," Edwards said. "From an economic-development standpoint, if you don't have to introduce your city and go through the process of apologizing for your city, it makes your job easier."

The Pirates are Pittsburgh's only apology of late. Even the team's dubious distinction of professional sports-franchise futility -- clinching their 17th consecutive losing season -- is on a back burner.

The focus is elsewhere.

"The Steelers opening the NFL season, the Penguins at the White House, working constantly on G-20 -- they almost overlap because they're all part of the conversation so, collectively, it's powerful," said Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato. "People are noticing that, as a city, county and region, great things are happening here. This is our chance to stand up and show off under the spotlight that is on the region with all those events."

Penguins President David Morehouse called it a "great day for the city."

"It's a bit of a quirk these things happened on the same day -- but typical of the sports year Pittsburgh has had. In many ways, it symbolizes the city's resurgence," said Morehouse, a former aide in the Clinton administration. "It's even more special that it's against the backdrop of the world looking at Pittsburgh, with the G-20. These three things happening at once are like the perfect storm happening for Pittsburgh."

Pittsburgh takes pride in its quirks -- whether it's putting french fries on a sandwich, butchering the King's English, giving directions by landmarks or accepting that television networks continue to portray this as an old steel town rather than the resurgent, tech-savvy city it has become.

The latter, however, can make it harder to promote the city's renaissance.

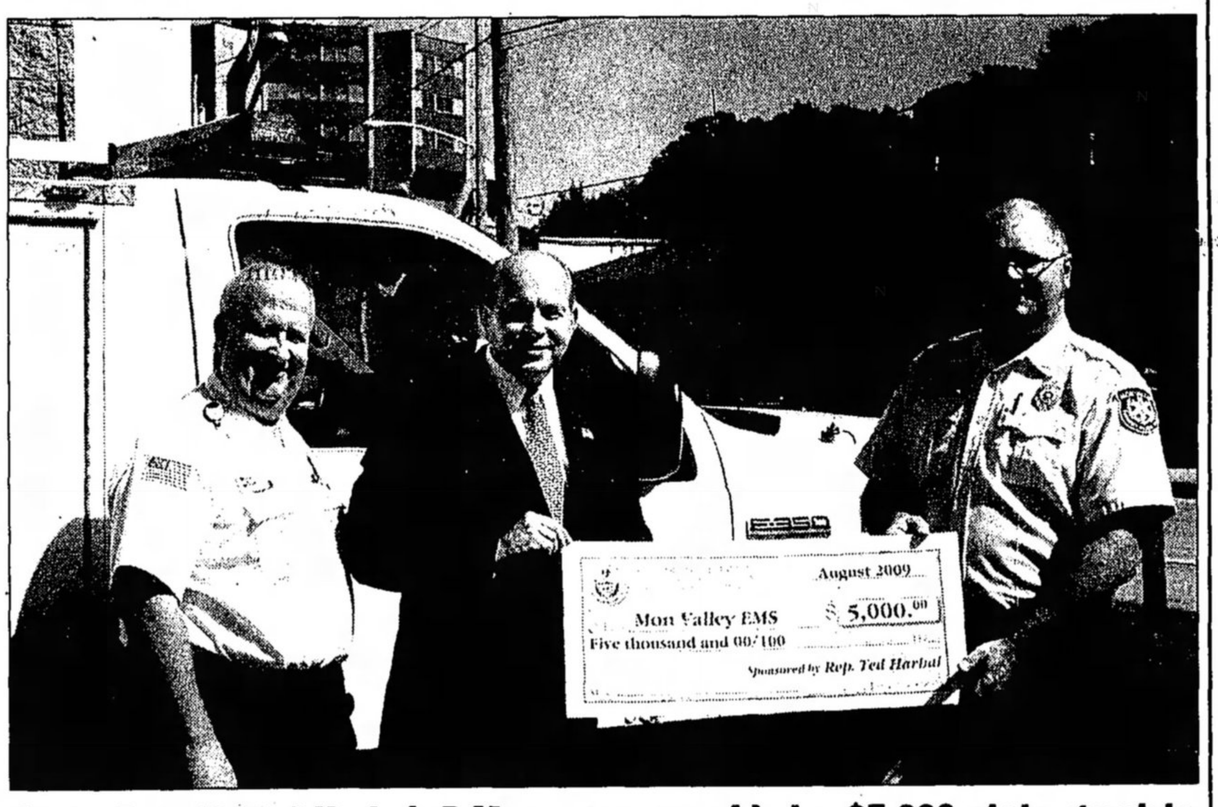
"It is a bit frustrating, not because we're not proud of that, but because we've evolved. You never see the next stage of Pittsburgh," Edwards said.

"If they would show robotics, that would be a more accurate depiction of what is going on, aside from the 'beauty shot' of pouring steel to go with the Steelers -- but the Steelers are such a powerful brand."

After spending more than a decade in Washington, Morehouse went searching for a post-political career in 2004 and said he found everything he was looking for in his hometown.

The Monongahela Area Revitalization Corp. provided a trauma kit and a basket of goodies for Beny, the Monongahela Police Department's K-9 officer. The group raised money for the trauma kit through its Pooch Parade, which attracted more than 80 dogs, including Beny, earlier this year. At the presentation, from left, are Patrolman Lawrence D. Maraldo II; Beny; Doug Wible, MARC member; Amy Brown, MARC member; and Susan Withers, MARC vice president.

Wayne Ray/For The Valley Independent



State Rep. R. Ted Harhai, D-Monessen, provided a $5,000 state grant to Mon Valley Emergency Medical Services. With the check, from left, are Bill Hess, Harhai and Randy Margarcell. The money will be used to purchase equipment.

Area students receive WCCC awards

The Westmoreland County Community College Education Foundation provided 162 scholarships this year totaling more than $226,000.

Daniel Diethorn, of Monessen, received a President's Scholarship, which covers full-tuition and fees for students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their Westmoreland County high school classes.

The following area students received local WCCC Trustees Meritorious Scholarships:

Belle Vernon - Tiffany Fitzwater, Valerie Lazar and Dalton Smith.

Brownsville – Nicole Metts.

Monessen – Megan Boso and Joseph Popovich.

West Newton – Kaylynn Chambers, Nathan Imbrescia and Kayla West.

The following also received awards:

American Culinary Federation Laurel Highlands Chapter Scholarship - Gemma Koury, Belle Vernon.

Wal-Mart Culinary Arts Scholarship and Smail Auto Group Scholarship - Christa Crea, Belle Vernon.

WCCC Education Foundation Student Recognition Scholarship - Jillian Rippel, Belle Vernon.

Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce Scholarship - Nicholas Zocco, Belle Vernon.

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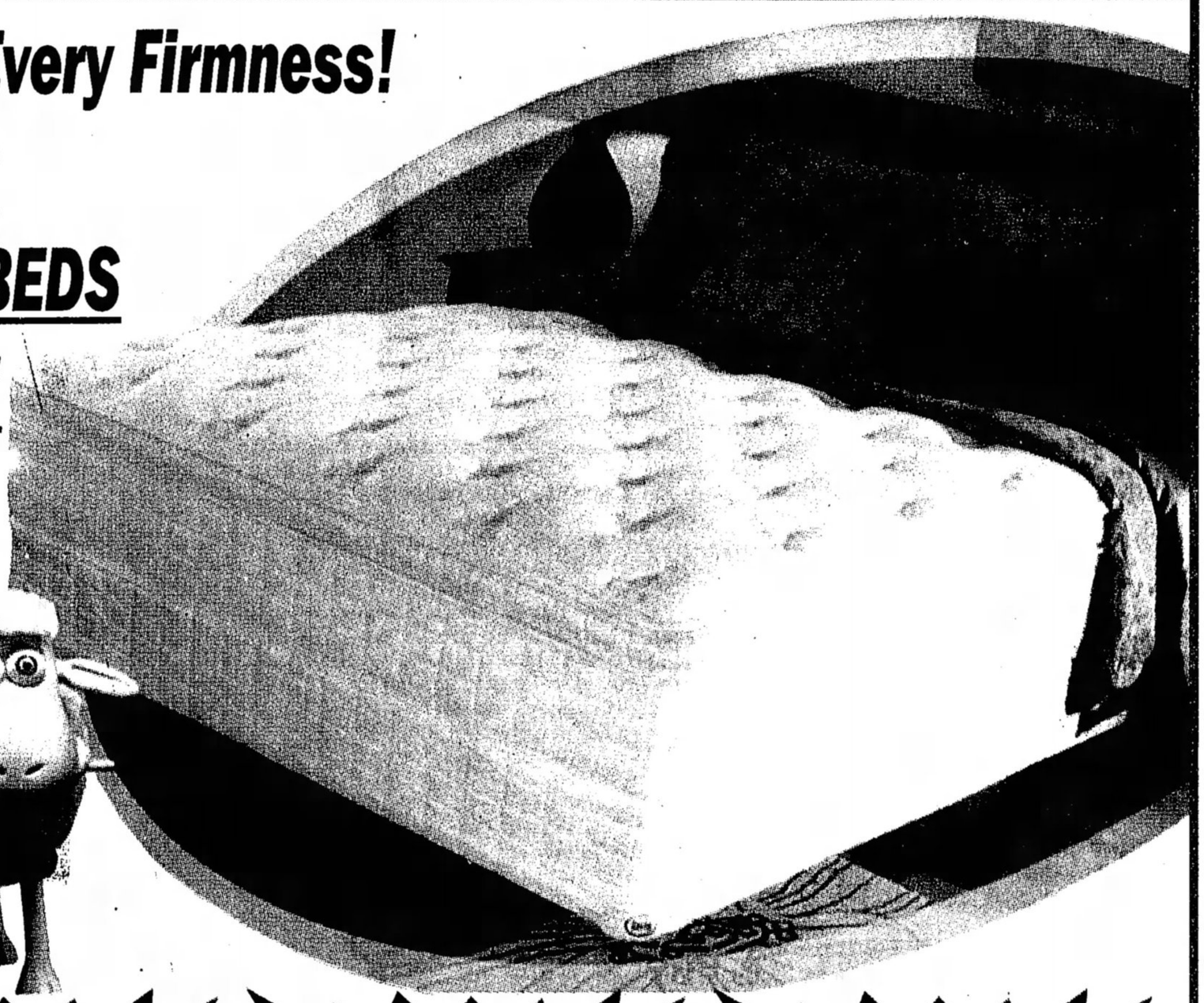

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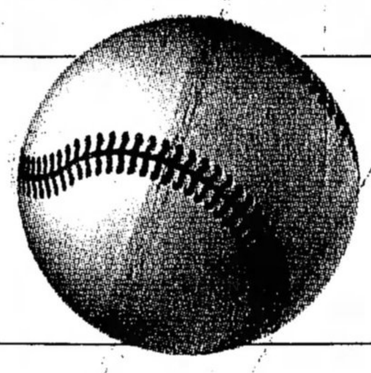


Last night's scores

Colorado 5, Cincinnati 1
Washington 8, Philadelphia 7
Florida 13, N.Y. Mets 4
Atlanta 9, Houston 7

Whew! Steelers hold off Titans in OT

Big Ben leads another comeback win for the Super Bowl champs.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The game lasted 64 1/2 minutes, yet it seemed only eight minutes mattered to Ben Roethlisberger.

The two minutes at the end of the first half. The two minutes at the end of the second half. And the slightly more than four minutes in overtime that decided a Titans-Steelers game controlled by two of the NFL's best and most physical defenses, except when Roethlisberger had the ball in his hands and little time to work with.

Roethlisberger didn't let the Steelers' offense get discouraged when an apparent game-winning drive ended abruptly on a Hines Ward fumble at the Titans' 4 with less than a minute to play. He came back to lead the decisive overtime drive that ended with Jeff Reed's 33-yard field goal, and the Super Bowl-winning Steelers beat Tennessee 13-10 in the NFL opener Thursday night.

The Steelers did it despite lacking a running game and, for much of the night, any flow or rhythm on offense despite Roethlisberger's 363 yards passing — the third most of his career. It was the biggest passing day by a Steelers quarterback in a season opener since the NFL merger in 1970.

This is only Roethlisberger's sixth season, yet he has directed 20 such comeback drives after Pittsburgh trailed or was tied in the fourth quarter. He's had seven since the start of last season, including the decisive 78-yard drive that ended with Santonio Holmes' 6-yard TD catch to beat Arizona 27-23 in the Super Bowl.

"I told coach (Mike Tomlin) I didn't want to start this already," Roethlisberger said. "I struggled early, that's just jitters and excitement. I'm really proud of the way we bounced back."

Especially with the way the Titans defense started out shoving the Steelers around on their own field, limiting them to 1 yard in the first quarter. The Titans didn't need to stomp on any Terrible Towels, like they did in beating the Steelers 31-14 in December — their defense trampled over the Steelers' offense instead.

The Steelers finally began moving the ball after shifting into a no-huddle offense late in the first half, and Roethlisberger needed only five plays to lead a 79-yard drive completed by Holmes' 34-yard scoring catch.

Roethlisberger to Holmes. Sound familiar?

"Ben does a great job when things break down and you give him time down there — he shakes tackles and sacks and he's going to make plays," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "And that's what he did."

Holmes had nine catches for 131 yards and a touchdown — curiously, the same statistics he had in the Super Bowl.

According to Holmes, the Steelers didn't get down when safety Troy Polamalu injured his left knee in the first half, Roethlisberger was sacked four times, Willie Parker was held to 19 yards on 13 carries or, most of all, when Ward fumbled. Despite the fumble, Ward made eight catches for 103 yards.

Polamalu, one of the NFL's top defensive players, is expected to be out 3 to 6 weeks with a sprained medial collateral ligament, though that prognosis was little more than a guess by Tomlin.

"I knew the game was over with (in the fourth quarter)," Holmes said. "But, when it (the fumble) happened, I knew we had overtime. Those guys weren't going to go anywhere."

The Titans were convinced they should have won it long before then, especially after leading 10-7 in the fourth. However, Rob Bironas missed two field-goal attempts inside the 40, a 37-yarder after a bad snap and a 31-yarder that was blocked by Aaron Smith.

"The Pittsburgh Steelers didn't beat the Tennessee Titans, the Tennessee Titans beat the Tennessee Titans," said wide receiver Nate Washington, the former Steelers player.

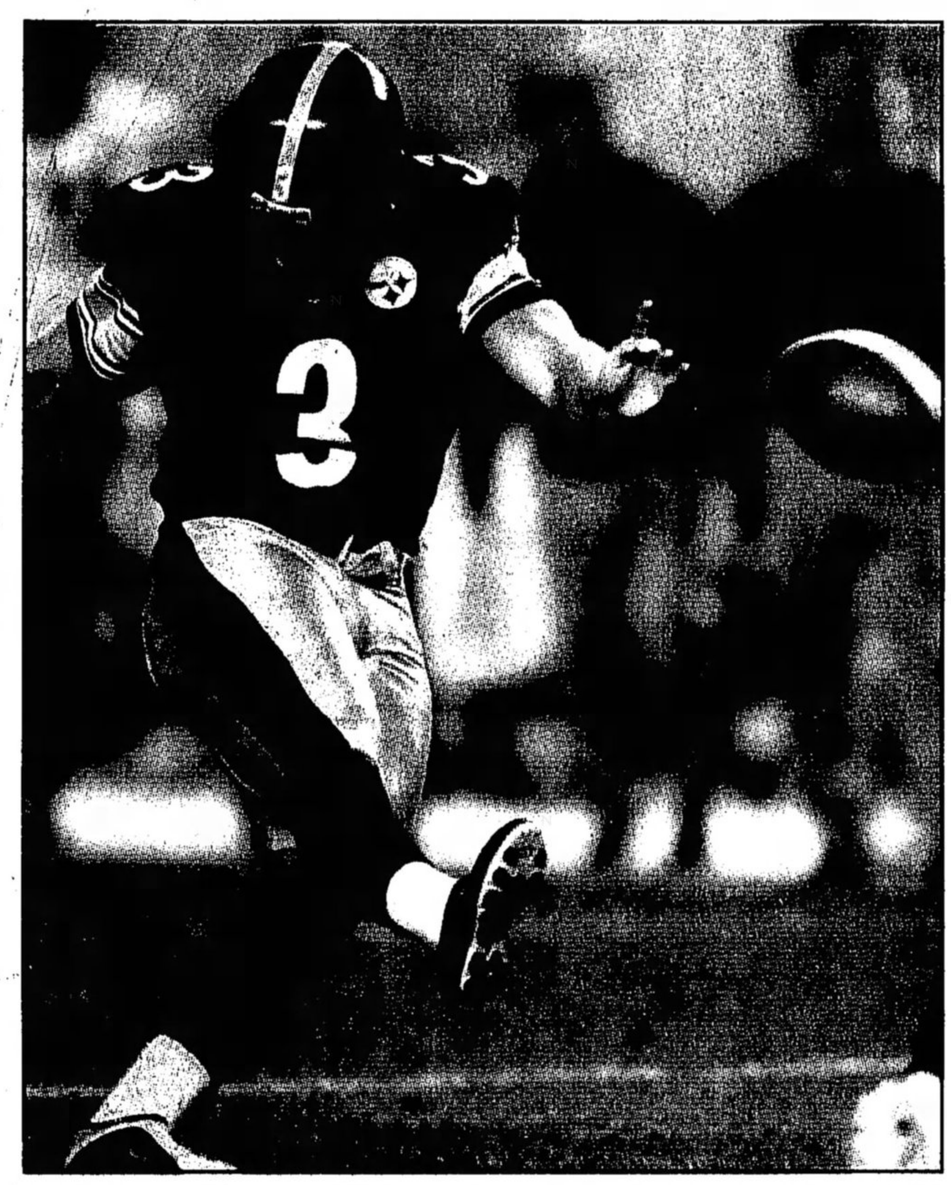
Kerry Collins was 22 of 35 for 244 yards, including a 14-yard scoring pass to Justin Gage, but, like Roethlisberger, didn't have a reliable running game. Chris Johnson carried 15 times for 57 yards, but more than half of those came on a 32-yard run.

Titans linebacker Keith Bulluck compared it to the Muhammad Ali-Joe Frazier fights of the 1970s, back when the Titans' predecessors, the Oilers, played numerous physical, punishing games against Pittsburgh's Steel Curtain.

"It's pretty much like one of those old-school boxing matches that used to go 15 rounds," Bulluck said. "Two defenses showed up, the offenses made plays here and there."

Mostly, the Steelers made them when Roethlisberger was in desperation mode.

"He did it in the Super Bowl and now in this first overtime," offensive coordinator Bruce Arians said of his quarterback. "Yeah, I would think people would start giving him his due as a player.'



Steelers' kicker Jeff Reed boots the game-winning field goal in a 13-10 overtime victory over Tennessee.

Polamalu goes down with a knee injury

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers All-Pro safety Troy Polamalu sprained the medial collateral ligament in his left knee late in the first half of their 13-10 overtime victory against Tennessee on Thursday night. Coach Mike Tomlin said the injury usually sidelines a player from 3 to 6 weeks.

"They are reading the scans and so forth," Tomlin said. "It is speculation (how long Polamalu will be out) at this point."

Polamalu was injured when a Titans player fell on him as Steelers defensive end Aaron Smith blocked a 31-yard field goal attempt by Rod Bironas with about three minutes left in the half. Polamalu was attempting to pick up the ball.

Before getting hurt, Polamalu made a one-handed interception and led both teams in tackles with six.

Tomlin said there is a chance the injury could be worse once further tests are run.

"I'm sure there's a possibility of it, but I don't have any concrete evident that there is anything more than that," Tomlin said.

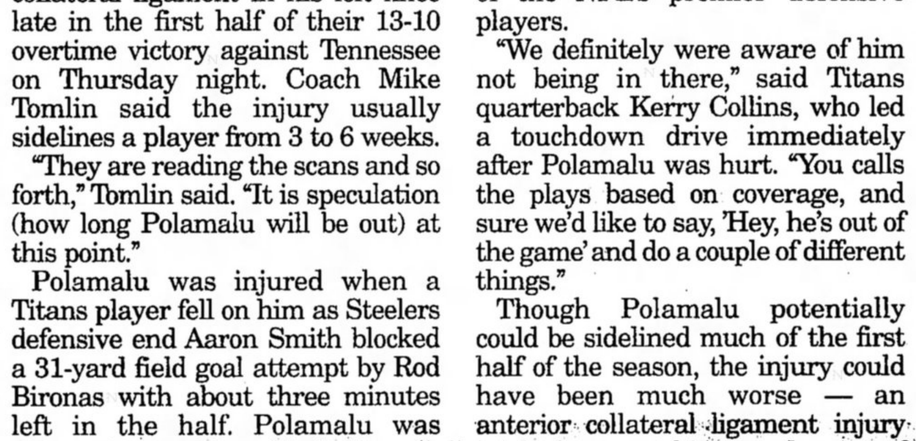
A two-time All-Pro safety, Polamalu was chosen for the past five Pro Bowls. He is considered one of the NFL's premier defensive players.

"We definitely were aware of him not being in there," said Titans quarterback Kerry Collins, who led a touchdown drive immediately after Polamalu was hurt. "You calls the plays based on coverage, and sure we'd like to say, 'Hey, he's out of the game' and do a couple of different things."

Though Polamalu potentially could be sidelined much of the first half of the season, the injury could have been much worse — an anterior collateral ligament injury might have put him out the rest of the season.

Rod Woodson, the Hall of Fame cornerback, tore up his knee in the Steelers' 1995 season opener, needed major surgery and didn't return until the Super Bowl. He was the first player to return from such an injury and play in the same season.

The Steelers players are off until Monday, when the team is scheduled to practice again.



Troy Polamalu holds his injured knee.

Bad news ... Monessen gets Bears after stunning Week One upset

Availability of Clairton star wideout Kevin Weatherspoon unknown.

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How much will Monessen see of Clairton's star wide receiver Kevin Weatherspoon?

That's the big question tonight when two of the WPIAL's Class A powers collide tonight at Neil Brown Stadium.

Both teams are coming off opening game losses.

Monessen's 21-0 defeat at Rochester wasn't unexpected since the Rams went in ranked No. 2 and the Greyhounds were shorthanded.

Clairton's 15-8 defeat at Laurel was another story.

The Bears were considered the state's best Class A team after winning the WPIAL title in 2008 and one sportswriter predicted a 49-0 Clairton victory.

One of the main reasons the Bears lost was because Weatherspoon didn't get into the game until the final minutes due to a hip pointer suffered in Clairton's scrimmage.

Playing in the game's final minute, Weatherspoon caught what the Bears thought was a potential game-winning TD pass against Laurel. However, Clairton wasc alled for a penalty on the play nullifying the score.

Although Weatherspoon is a wide receiver, he's Clairton's biggest offensive threat.

No one has to tell Monessen coach Andy Pacak.

Last year Pacak watched Weatherspoon - who's headed to Pitt - catch seven passes for 236 yards and four touchdowns as the Bears clobbered Monessen, 44-0, at Memorial Stadium and 47-0 at Elizabeth Forward in the second round of the WPIAL playoffs.

In the game at Monessen, Weatherspoon scored touchdowns on passes of 38, 55 and 25 yards and also scored on a 17-yard fumble return as Clairton led 38-0 after 12 minutes and 44-0 at halftime.

In the post-season contest, Weatherspoon had four receptions for 118 yards and another TD.

"He's one of the best high school receivers I've ever seen and he can kill you on the reverse," said Pacak. "You can't single-cover him."

Weatherspoon, however, isn't Clairton's lone offensive weapon.

Despite being hampered by an ankle injury, Deontae Howard still ran for 1,748 yards and 25 TDs in 2008.

Howard rushed for 156 yards and a 74-yard touchdown at Monessen and had 83 rushing yards and 45-yard touchdown reception in the playoff game.

Monessen, meanwhile, should be strengthened by the return of the Stepoli brothers, Terrance and Josh. The brothers had to sit out the opener after getting ejected in the playoff defeat.

Terrance Stepoli, who had been a question mark after suffering an eye last week, will start at quarterback and defensive end with Josh going both ways on the line.

LEFTOVERS: Twenty-five years ago, Pacak was a member of the 1984 team which won 12-6 at Clairton. Clairton outgained Laurel, 316-113, ,in the loss. The Bears had 19 penalties for 169 yards. The Greyhounds will still be without two-way starter Nick Bolias (rib injury). In last year's Monessen games, the Bears were penalized 14 times for 125 yards and 16 times for 173 yards.

Clairton's Kevin Weatherspoon, a Pitt recruit, will have Monessen's attention tonight, regardless how much he plays.

SPORTS

FEARLESS FIVE

FOOTBALL PICKS 2009

	HERMAN	DEVORE	NACCARATO	OLIVER	WALD
Monessen at Clairton	Clairton	Clairton	Monessen	Clairton	Clairton
BVA at S'moreland	BVA	BVA	BVA	BVA	BVA
E.Allegheny at Charleroi	East Allegheny	Charleroi	East Allegheny	Charleroi	East Allegheny
Ringgold at Al.Gallatin	Ringgold	Ringgold	Ringgold	Albert Gallatin	Ringgold
Notre Dame at Michigan	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Michigan	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
USC at Ohio State	USC	Ohio State	Ohio State	USC	USC
Bears at Packers	Bears	Bears	Bears	Packers	Packers
Dolphins at Falcons	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Falcons	Falcons
Eagles at Panthers	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles
Broncos at Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	Broncos	Bengals	Bengals
Last week					
Season record					

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Vulcans still waiting for QB to make Port(is)

Highly-touted Maryland transfer - and 0-2 team - have not played up to expectations.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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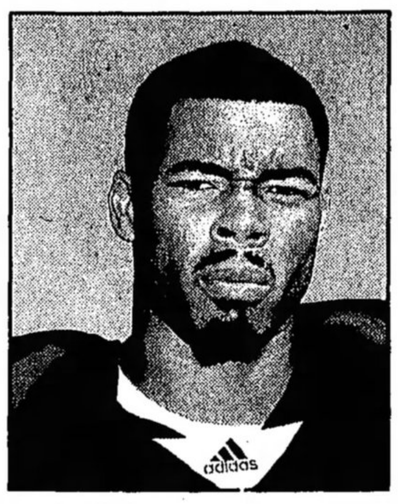
So far highly-touted Maryland transfer quarterback Josh Portis isn't having a very good season at California University.

Portis is 10th among the top 16 PSAC passers with an average of 144.5 yards a game and his passing efficiency of 89.96 ranks near the bottom of the list.

As a result, the Vulcans are off to their first 0-2 start in 10 years and will be in the underdog role when they play at No. 21 West Chester Saturday in a noon kickoff.

No one has to tell Cal coach John Luckhardt that the Vulcans and Portis will be on the spot against the Golden Rams.

"We're going to have to put points on the board because they're too good offensively," said Luckhardt. "We have to score points and that's the challenge facing the offense."



Josh Portis

Last year Portis' predecessor, Kevin McCabe, came up big in two victories over West Chester which both took place at Adamson Stadium.

The first was the season opener when McCabe completed 30 of 36 passes for 297 yards and two touchdowns in his debut as Cal rallied from a 19-16 halftime deficit to win 44-32.

In the rematch, McCabe set a school record by hitting 25 of 34 passes for 443 yards and four touchdowns as the Vulcans won the PSAC championship game, 47-36.

While McCabe was throwing for 32 touchdowns in 14 games last season, Portis has one TD pass to his credit.

"Right now Josh has been inconsistent," said Luckhardt. "He's got talent. The problem is when things aren't going right, he tries to do it all by himself."

Meanwhile, Lockhardt is concerned with West Chester's quarterback tandem of Joe Wright and Jared Jorgensen.

"Wright had two of his best games against us," said Luckhadt.

Wright threw for 311 yards and four touchdowns in the first loss and 345 yards and two scores in the title contest.

Wright finished with over 3,000 yards and 28 touchdowns in 2008.

Jorgensen is more of a running threat.

In West Chester's 43-0 romp at Lock Haven the Golden Rams piled up 460 total offense yards despite getting penalized 11 times for 122 yards.

LEFTOVERS: Cal senior linebacker Dontey Brown is second in the PSAC in tackles with 23 including 12 solos. With 27 points, California is tied for 13th in the conference in scoring offense. West Chester leads in total defense, allowing 227 yards a game. Cal is giving up 290 a game.

President takes shot at Crosby

Friendly barb causes laughter as Obama poses with champs.

By ROB ROSSI
For The Valley Indepdndent

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama took a verbal jab at Pittsburgh Penguins captain

Sidney Crosby Thursday, and if footage of the good-natured knock finds it way onto the Internet, chances are the club's other star center, Evgeni Malkin, will be to blame.

Standing third from the left in the back row on a riser in the East Room of the White House, Malkin snapped pictures with and texted from his cell phone as Obama welcomed the Stanley Cup champion Penguins.

"I'd say that's par for the course," Penguins head coach Dan Bylsma said of Malkin's innocent actions after a brief, early-evening ceremony during which

Obama posed with the Cup and received a black Penguins sweater containing his surname, defenseman Brooks Orpik's No. 44 and captain Sidney Crosby's "C" -- though not before a shot that even Crosby considered sweet.

"Sidney must be really fast," Obama said, "because there are some big hockey players, and he's not one of them."

The remark drew laughs from a room filled with members of the Penguins organization, including family, team officials, hockey operations staff, trainers and equipment managers. Local and state officials in attendance were Senators Arlen Specter and Robert Casey Jr. and Representatives Mike Doyle, Jason Altmire, Tim Murphy, Chris Carney and Glenn Thompson. Also attending was Agricultural Secretary Tom Vilsack, a Pennsylvania native.

Obama was not content to rib only Crosby.

"Where's Luke?" he asked of Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, who was not present. "Where's the mayor? I thought he was around here. Well, he should be."

Laughter followed that statement, as did Obama's comment about Crosby, who is listed at 5-foot-11.

Crosby, who presented Obama with his gift sweater, gleefully accepted Obama's slight.

"The President (jabbed) me," he said afterward. "I'll take it."

He joined teammates Orpik and veteran winger Bill Guerin in describing the club's White House experience as "pretty awesome" -- even though as a Canadian he was among 17 foreign-born players who shared a stage with a President they could not vote for in the November election.

"It's just as special as it is for everybody else," Crosby said. "I never dreamed I'd have a chance to make it here."

Americans joining Obama on stage were Bylsma, Orpik, Guerin, defensemen Mark Eaton and Alex Goligoski; majority co-owner Ron Burkle; team president David Morehouse; and general manager Ray Shero.

Obama described sharing a stage with Penguins icon Mario Lemieux as "a pretty big deal."

So was visiting the White House, which the Penguins hadn't done since 1992.

Bylsma, who Sunday will conduct his first training camp practice as the club's head coach, stumbled as he left the stage to help Obama retrieve the Cup, which the Penguins won for a third time June 12 with a dramatic Game 7 victory at Detroit in the Final.

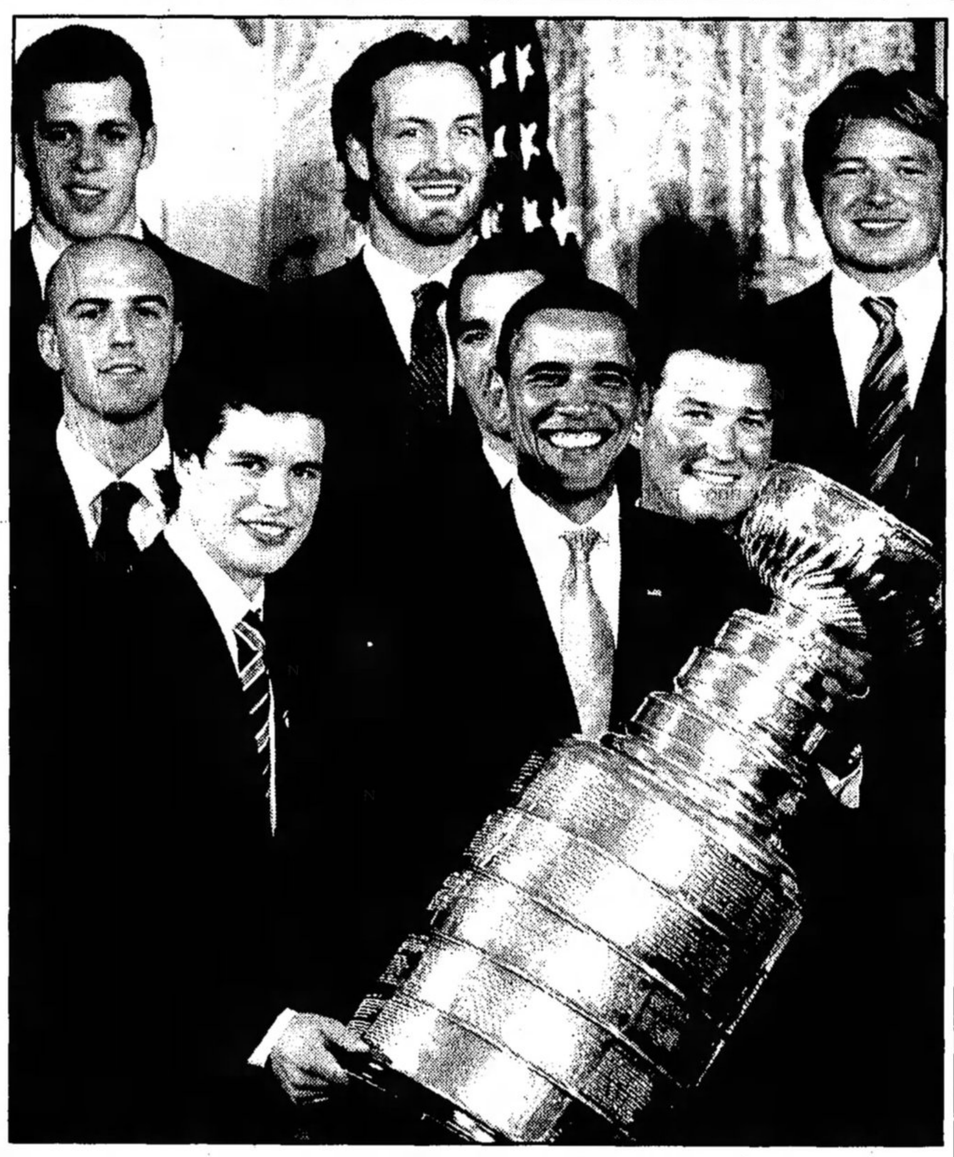
Players faux-jeered in unison after Bylsma's misstep and clapped with surprise astonishment as Malkin spent much of the ceremony either engaged with cell-phone shenanigans or waiving to familiar faces among the crowd.

Before their visit, the Penguins visited a local rink and joined youth players from Western Pennsylvania and the Washington metro area for a clinic.

Only months removed from welcoming the Super Bowl champion Steelers to the White House, Obama said he holds "a special place in his heart for Pittsburgh" -- though he wishes his adopted hometown of Chicago was the "City of Champions."

"I guess it's a good time to be a sports fan from Pittsburgh," he said. "I was complaining about this. It's been a while since Chicago won anything."

Obama, whom Bylsma said he would play at the left point on the power play, also mentioned the Penguins' previous visit to Washington in May. They won Game 7 of an Eastern Conference semifinal series against Crosby's rival Alex Ovechkin and



President Barack Obama holds the Stanley Cup Trophy during a ceremony to honor the Stanley Cup champion Penguins. Holding the trophy with Obama is Sidney Crosby, who is joined by other members of the team including, top left, Stanley Cup MVP Evgeni Malkin.

Bentworth scores, tops Monessen

Bearcats end drought with 6-pack against Greyhounds.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

MONESSEN - In its first three games, the Bentworth boys' soccer team didn't score a goal.

Unfortunately for Monessen (2-2, 1-1), the Bearcats (1-3, 1-1) opened the floodgates Thursday with four goals in the opening 20 minutes en route to a 6-1 win.

"It was good to get on the board and I knew once we scored our first goal that we would be all right," said Bentworth coach Gary Amos. "We played two bigger schools (Canon-McMillan and McGuffey) and Carlynton. "Playing against the bigger teams made us better."

Shawn Ross gave the guests a 1-0 lead at 35:14 off of an assist from Dave Szuminsky.

Less than four minutes later, J.T. Paterini scored the first of his three goals off an assist from Justin Javorsky to make the score 2-0.

It was a goal that Monessen coach Sam Perry called costly.

"We came out flat, but the first goal didn't hurt us too bad," he said. "The second goal deflated us."

"All I know is that we didn't come to play and this wasn't the same team we put out there the other night (against Brentwood)."

Goals by Nick Malarbi and Paterini gave the Bearcats a 4-0 halftime cushion.

Alex Picciarelli netted Monessen's lone goal with Sam Merando getting the assist.

Paterini and Ian Zaccone closed the scoring for the Bearcats.

According to Amos, Paterini feels at home playing at Monessen.

"He had three (goals) today and he scored the game-winner last year here as a freshman," noted Amos. "He must like to play here."

Javorsky finished with two assists and Mike DíOrazio added one.

Perry hopes his team will bounce back.

"We are young, but hopefully we will turn it around Tuesday at Chartiers-Houston," he said. "We can't play with our heads down."

Bentworth resumes Saturday at 11 a.m. at Serra Catholic.

REMEMBER when?

Rab Currie was Charleroi's football coach from 1947 to 1977.

Nucci's hat trick leads Charleroi past Brentwood; BV Area, Ringgold win

Brett Tomich scored three goals in BVA's win; Rams stay perfect with 3-2 win.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

Charleroi sophomore Brent Nucci recorded a hat trick to lead Charleroi to a 5-2 win over Brentwood in its Class A Section 4 opener.

"It is always good to get off on the right foot in section play with a win," said Charleroi coach coach George Watkins. "We played alright in the first half but we played really well in the second half."

Chris Esola and Mitch Wytovich had the Cougars' other goals.

Watkins was impressed with Brentwood's effort.

"I give them credit," he said. "They hung in there and battled us tough."

BVA 9, UNIONTOWN 1

Mark Tomich scored three goals in the Leps' Class AA Section 3 romp on the road.

"I thought we did a good job of protecting the ball," said BVA coach Chris Stasicha. "I was also pleased that once we made substitutions, there wasn't a drop off.î"

Ben Burnsworth added two goals for the Leps with TJ Radic, Jordan Redfield, Dakota Barella and Seth Gregor roundilng out the scoring.

RINGGOLD 2, HEMPFIELD 0

The Rams (4-0) stayed unbeaten with the exhibition game on the road behind goals from Skyler Zimmerman and Justin Mazzeo.

"It was a team effort again," said Ringgold coach Ronnie Fransko said. "Our forwards scored, the midfielders did their thing, the defense played defense and Ryan (Powell) made the saves in goal."

Powell recorded 11 saves.

Ringgold hosts Mt. Pleasant Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

ELIZ. FORWARD 6, STEEL VALLEY 1

Freshman Vince Easler has watched in recent years as his brother Cam played an instrumental part in the Warriors' sucess.

It was the younger Easler's turn to shine in the victory over the Ironmen with three goals.

"We started sloppy but we played a lot better in the second half," said Elizabeth coach coach Dave King. "We will be a lot better off if we can put it together for a whole game."

Jermemy Delmaster, John Turek and Nick Regan scored te Warriors' other goals.

GEIBEL 3, CALIFORNIA 2

The Trojans lost in a battle of unbeatens in the Class A Section 1 showdown.

"We played on the college field because ours isn't ready and we couldn't fit into that style,"said California coach Adam Obranovich referring to a more open style of play because of the bigger field. "Hopefully we will bounce back from this."

Skyler Boehme and Evan Patterson scored for the Trojans.

SPORTS

Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	79	59	.572	—
Florida	75	65	.536	5
Atlanta	72	68	.514	8
New York	62	78	.443	18
Washington	48	92	.343	32

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	84	57	.596	—
Chicago	71	67	.514	11 1/2
Houston	68	72	.486	15 1/2
Milwaukee	66	73	.475	17
Cincinnati	63	77	.450	20 1/2
Pittsburgh	54	84	.391	28 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	83	58	.589	—
Colorado	81	60	.574	2
San Francisco	76	64	.543	6 1/2
San Diego	63	78	.447	20
Arizona	62	79	.440	21

Thursday's Games

Colorado 5, Cincinnati 1
Washington 8, Philadelphia 7
Florida 13, N.Y. Mets 4
Atlanta 9, Houston 7

Today's Games

Cincinnati (Lehr 4-1) at Chicago Cubs (Harden 9-8), 2:20 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Figueroa 2-4) at Philadelphia (Hamels 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (J.Martin 3-4) at Florida (Jo.Johnson 14-4), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Morton 3-7) at Houston (Norris 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Jurrjens 10-10) at St. Louis (Pineiro 14-9), 8:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Looper 11-6) at Arizona (D.Davis 7-12), 9:40 p.m.
Colorado (De La Rosa 14-9) at San Diego (Mujica 3-4), 10:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 5-6) at San Francisco (Cain 13-4), 10:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	91	50	.645	—
Boston	81	58	.583	9
Tampa Bay	72	68	.514	18 1/2
Toronto	63	77	.450	27 1/2
Baltimore	56	83	.403	34

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	75	64	.540	—
Minnesota	70	70	.500	5 1/2
Chicago	70	71	.496	6
Cleveland	60	79	.432	15
Kansas City	55	85	.393	20 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	84	55	.604	—
Texas	79	60	.568	5
Seattle	72	69	.511	13
Oakland	62	77	.446	22

Thursday's Games

Toronto 3, Minnesota 2
Kansas City 7, Detroit 4
L.A. Angels 3, Seattle 0

Today's Games

Baltimore (Tillman 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 13-6), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Greinke 13-8) at Cleveland (Masterson 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Tallet 6-9) at Detroit (N.Robertson 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (J.Shields 9-10) at Boston (Lester 12-7), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Morrow 0-4) at Texas (Millwood 10-9), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mortensen 0-2) at Minnesota (Blackburn 9-10), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (G.Floyd 11-9) at L.A. Angels (J.Saunders 12-7), 10:05 p.m.

NFL schedule

Week One

Thursday's Game

Pittsburgh 13, Tennessee 10, OT

Sunday's Games

Miami at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Houston, 1 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Denver at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 4:15 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Games

Buffalo at New England, 7 p.m.
San Diego at Oakland, 10:15 p.m.

Steelers summary

Tennessee	0	7	0	3	0	-10
Pittsburgh	0	7	0	3	3	-13

Second Quarter

Pit-Holmes 34 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), 1:22.
Ten-Gage 14 pass from Collins (Bironas kick), :48.

Fourth Quarter

Ten-FG Bironas 45, 11:03.
Pit-FG Reed 32, 2:57.

Overtime

Pit-FG Reed 33, 10:28.
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TEAM STATISTICS

	Ten	Pit
First downs	18	19
Total Net Yards	320	357
Rushes-yards	25-86	23-36
Passing	234	321
Punt Returns	4-14	1-11
Kickoff Returns	3-59	4-116
Interceptions Ret.	2-80	1-16
Comp-Att-Int	22-35-1	33-43-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-10	4-42
Punts	5-44.6	7-42.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-28	6-60
Time of Possession	28:21	36:11

INDIVIDUAL STATISTIC

RUSHING

Tennessee - Johnson 15-57, White 8-28, Collins 2-1.
Pittsburgh - Parker 13-19, Moore 5-8, Mendenhall 4-6, Roethlisberger 1-3.

PASSING

Tennessee - Collins 22-35-1-244.
Pittsburgh - Roethlisberger 33-43-2-363.

RECEIVING

Tennessee - Gage 7-78, Scaife 5-48, Britt 4-85, Crumpler 2-5, Johnson 1-11, Washington 1-8, White 1-5, Hall 1-4.
Pittsburgh - Holmes 9-131, Ward 8-103, Miller 8-64, Moore 4-28, Wallace 3-32, Parker 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS-Tennessee, Bironas 37 (WR), 31 (BK).

Garrett Jones and the Pirates take on Houston, 8:05 p.m., on Fox Sports Net.

Sports dial

Today

Television

12:30 p.m. - KDKA - U.S. Open, tennis.
12:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Arkansas Championship, women's golf.
2:20 p.m. - WGN - Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, baseball.
3 p.m. - Golf Channel - BMW Championship, golf.
4 p.m. - ESPN2 - Virginia 529 College Savings 250, auto racing.
5:30 p.m. - ESPN2 - Chevy Rock & Roll 400, auto racing.
6:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Utah Championship, golf, tape.
6:30 p.m. - ESPN - Hall of Fame enshrinement, basketball.
7:30 p.m. - PCN - Canon-McMillan vs Central Catholic, high school football.
7:30 p.m - ESPN2 - Virginia 529 College Savings 250, auto racing.
8:05 p.m. - Fox Sports - Pittsburgh at Houston, baseball.
9 p.m. - ESPN - Colorado at Toledo, college football.

Radio

7:30 p.m. - WMBS (590) - Uniontownat Thomas Jefferson, high school football.
7:30 p.m. - WJPA (95.3 FM) - Greensburg Central Catholic at McGuffy, high school football.
7:30 p.m. - WJPA (1450) - Mt. Pleasant at Washington, high school football.
7:30 p.m. - WJAS (1320) - North Allegheny at Mt. Lebanon, high school football.
7:30 p.m. - WBGG (970) - Penn Hills at Bethel Park, high school football.
7:30 p.m. - KQVV (1410) - Pine-Richland at Upper St. Clair, high school football.
8:05 p.m. - WPGB (104.7 FM) - Pittsburgh at Houston, baseball.

WNBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Indiana	22	11	.667	—
Atlanta	17	15	.531	4 1/2
Detroit	17	16	.515	5
Chicago	16	17	.485	6
Connecticut	15	17	.469	6 1/2
Washington	15	17	.469	6 1/2
New York	12	21	.364	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Phoenix	23	10	.697	—
x-Seattle	19	14	.576	4
x-Los Angeles	16	16	.500	6 1/2
San Antonio	15	18	.455	8
Minnesota	14	18	.438	8 1/2
Sacramento	11	22	.333	12

Thursday's Games

Detroit 94, New York 87, OT
Chicago 86, Indiana 79
Phoenix 92, Seattle 84, OT
San Antonio 80, Sacramento 71

Today's Games

Connecticut at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Seattle at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

Frontier League playoffs

Best of five series

Thursday

No games scheduled

Today

Kalamazoo at Lake Erie, 7 p.m., series tied at 1-1
River City at Windy City, 8:05 p.m., River City leads series, 2-0

Area golf results

At Willowbrook

Belle Vernon Area - 199

Bo Lustig, 32; Tyber Lustig, 35; Kirby Manown, Kyle Naden and Brad Antal, 44. Non-count: Sean Molchan, 45.

Ringgold - 227

Mike Yavorsky, 40; Connor Kane, 41; Colin McCormick, 48; Rico Rodriguez and Devin DiPiazza, 49. Non-count: Nick Feld, 55.

At Mon Valley Country Club

Charleroi - 232

Eric Anderson, 41; Martin Maytas, Brandon Konek and Derek Sergi, 47; Evan Wysochanski, 50. Non-count: Kirk Melenyzer, 55.

Beth-Center - 261

Austin Smith, 40; Alex Antonio, 47; Rocky Hartley, 54; Matt Sabatini, 59; Tyler Sabatala, 61. Non-count: Ian Stanley, 63.

At Cedarbrook

California - 197

Dave Beck, 37; Phil Langley, 38; Dominic Roach, 39; Zac Edmiston, 40; Tyler Van Olst, 43.

Brownsville - 295

Nick Calvaresi, 52; Jared Gibson, 59; Jacob Murray, 60; Aaron Golembiewski, 61; Tyler Edwards, 63.

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

NEW YORK YANKEES—Announced C Kevin Cash has cleared waivers and is now a free agent.

National League

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Claimed LHP Jesse English off waivers from San Francisco. Designated C Luke Montz for assignment.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES—Signed G Allen Iverson. Withdrew their qualifying offer to G Juan Carlos Navarro, making him an unrestricted free agent.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Named John Madden special adviser to commissioner Roger Goodell.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Released WR Bobby Wade.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed FB Jason Davis to the practice squad. Released S Emanuel Cook from the practice squad.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Re-signed DT William Joseph.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Released LB Chris Draft. Re-signed LB Quinton Culberson.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed CB Kyle Arrington from the practice squad. Waived CB William Middleton. Signed P A.J. Trapasso to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Re-signed LW Alexandre Picard to a one-year contract.
EDMONTON OILERS—Agreed to terms with F Mike Comrie on a one-year contract.

COLLEGE

BROWN—Named Brad Ross assistant lacrosse coach.
CASE WESTERN—Named Jeff Gorski men's assistant basketball coach and Erin O'Neill softball coach.
SETON HALL—Signed Bobby Gonzalez, men's basketball coach, to a three-year contract extension through the 2014-15 season.
TEMPLE—Named Todd Hoffard women's assistant soccer coach.

Football scores

COLLEGE

EAST

Wagner 41, N.Y. Maritime 10

SOUTH

Carson-Newman 38, Campbellsville 10
Florida A&M 34, Winston-Salem 10
Georgia Tech 30, Clemson 27
SE Louisiana 69, Union, Ky. 20
Tennessee Tech 51, Pikeville 10

Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA

Section 5

	League W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Ringgold	0	0	0	4	0	0
Canon-McMillan	0	0	0	2	0	0
Upper St. Clair	0	0	0	1	0	0
Moon	0	0	0	1	1	0
Peters Township	0	0	0	1	1	0
Trinity	0	0	0	1	4	0

Thursday

Ringgold 2, Hempfield 0
Penn-Trafford 5, Trinity 0

Saturday

Mt. Pleasant at Ringgold (2:30 p.m.)
US Clair at Pine-Richland (8 p.m.)
C-McMillan at South Park (10 a.m.)
C-Houston at Waynesburg (1 p.m.)
Moon at Sewickley Academy (11a.m.)
Peters Twp. at Norwin (2:30 p.m.)

Class AA

Section 3

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
South Park	2	0	0	2	0	0
Belle Vernon Area	1	0	1	4	1	1
Thomas Jefferson	1	0	1	2	2	1
Elizabeth Forward	1	1	0	3	2	0
Steel Valley	1	1	0	2	2	0
S'moreland	1	1	0	1	2	0
Yough	0	2	0	0	2	0
Uniontown	0	2	0	0	4	0

Thursday

BV Area 9, Uniontown 1
Elizabeth Forward 6, Steel Valley 1
South Park 3, S'moreland 0
T. Jefferson 16, Yough 0

Saturday

C'ville at BV Area (7:30 p.m.)

Class A

Section 1

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Geibel	2	0	0	4	0	0
Serra	2	0	0	2	0	0
Grb. Central	2	0	0	2	1	0
California	1	1	0	3	1	0
South Allegheny	0	2	0	0	2	0
Trinity Christian	0	2	0	0	2	0
Winchester Thrstn	1	1	0	1	2	0
Brownsville	0	2	0	0	4	0

Thursday

Geibel 3, California 2
Winchester Thurston 3, Brownsville 0
Grb Central 4, South Allegheny 0
Serra 1, Trinity Christian 0

Saturday

Beth-Center at California (7 p.m.)

Section 4

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Carlynton	2	0	0	3	1	0
Charleroi	1	0	0	3	1	0
Monessen	1	1	0	2	2	0
C-Houston	1	1	0	1	3	1
Bentworth	1	1	0	1	3	0
Beth-Center	0	1	0	0	1	0
Brentwood	0	2	0	0	2	0

Thursday

Bentworth 6, Monessen 1
Charleroi 5, Brentwood 2
Carlynton 4, C-Houston 1

Saturday

Bentworth at Serra (11 a.m.)

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA

Section 5

	League W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Canon-McMillan	1	0	0	3	0	0
Upper St. Clair	1	0	0	1	0	0
Mt. Lebanon	1	0	0	2	1	0
Ringgold	0	1	0	2	3	0
Trinity	0	1	0	1	2	0
West Mifflin	0	1	0	1	3	0
Elizabeth Forward	0	0	0	1	2	0

Saturday

South Allegheny at Ringgold (4 p.m.)
C-McMillan at Norwin (7:30 p.m.)
Peters Twp. at US Clair (2 p.m.)

Section 6

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Belle Vernon Area	1	0	0	2	1	0
Connellsville	1	0	0	2	1	0
Yough	1	0	0	1	1	0
S'moreland	1	0	0	1	1	0
Uniontown	0	1	0	1	2	0
Laurel Highlands	0	1	0	1	3	0
Albert Gallatin	0	1	0	0	3	0
Waynesburg	0	1	0	0	3	0

Thursday

Latrobe 3, Yough 1

Saturday

Pine-Richland at BV Area (7:30 p.m.)
Mt. Pleasant at C'ville (10 a.m.)

Class AA

Section 1

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Charleroi	1	0	0	4	1	0
McGuffey	1	0	0	2	1	0
South Park	1	0	0	2	1	0
Bentworth	0	1	0	1	1	0
Beth-Center	0	1	0	1	2	0
C-Houston	0	1	0	0	3	0
South Fayette	0	0	0	1	1	1

Thursday

Bentworth 2, Laurel Highlands 1
South Fayette 1, T. Jefferson 1

Saturday

Carrick at Bentworth (11 a.m.)

Section 6

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
St. Joseph	1	0	0	2	1	0
Jeannette	1	0	0	1	0	1
Grb. Central	1	0	0	1	1	1
Monessen	0	1	0	1	2	0
Mt. Pleasant	0	1	0	0	2	0
East Allegheny	0	1	0	0	1	0
Geibel	0	0	0	1	2	0

Saturday

Grb. Central at Hempfield (7 p.m.)

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	10	4	9	39	34	25
Chicago	10	6	8	38	33	28
D.C.	8	5	12	36	38	36
New England	9	7	6	33	28	30
Toronto FC	8	9	7	31	30	34
Kansas City	6	11	6	24	24	32
New York	4	16	4	16	20	41

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	11	7	7	40	31	22
Los Angeles	9	4	11	38	28	23
Colorado	10	7	6	36	36	27
Seattle	8	6	10	34	29	23
Chivas USA	10	9	3	33	23	24
Real SaltLake	9	9	6	33	35	27
FC Dallas	6	11	6	24	33	37
San Jose	5	12	5	20	27	40

Saturday, Sept. 12

Colorado at Toronto FC, 3:30 p.m.
Seattle FC at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
FC Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

High school football standings

Class AAA

Big Seven Conference

	League W	L	Overall W	L
Belle Vernon Area	0	0	1	0
Elizabeth Forward	0	0	1	0
Thomas Jefferson	0	0	1	0
West Mifflin	0	0	1	0
Chartiers Valley	0	0	1	0
Ringgold	0	0	0	1
Trinity	0	0	0	1

Today

Ringgold at Albert Gallatin
Belle Vernon Area at Southmoreland
Uniontown at Thomas Jefferson
Laurel Highlands at Elizabeth Forward
Chartier Valley at Yough
Trinity at Greensburg Salem
Derry at West Miflin

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Albert Gallatin	0	0	1	0
Uniontown	0	0	1	0
Greensburg Salem	0	0	0	1
Yough	0	0	0	1
Derry	0	0	0	1
Laurel Highlands	0	0	0	1
Southmoreland	0	0	0	1

Today

Chartiers Valley at Yough
Ringgold at Albert Gallatin
Belle Vernon Area at Southmoreland
Laurel Highlands at Elizabeth Forward
Derry at West Mifflin
Uniontown at Thomas Jefferson
Trinity at Greensburg Salem

Class AA

Interstate Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Brownsville	1	0	1	0
Greensburg Central	1	0	1	0
Jeannette	1	0	1	0
Mt. Pleasant	1	0	1	0
Washington	1	0	1	0
Charleroi	0	1	0	1
East Allegheny	0	1	0	1
McGuffey	0	1	0	1
South Allegheny	0	1	0	1
Waynesburg	0	1	0	1

Today

East Allegheny at Charleroi
Brownsville at Jeannette
Mt. Pleasant at Washington
Waynesbur at South Allegheny
Greensburg Central at McGuffey

Class A

Tri-County South

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
California	0	0	1	0
Jefferson-Morgan	0	0	1	0
Monessen	0	0	0	1
Carmichaels	0	0	0	1
West Greene	0	0	0	1
Mapletown	0	0	0	1
Geibel	0	0	0	1

Today

Monessen at Clairton
Geibel at Bentworth
California at Serra
Chartiers-Houston at Carmichaels
Avella at Jefferson-Morgan
West Greene at Fort Cherry
Burgettstown at Beth-Center
Frazier at Mapletown

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Bentworth	0	0	1	0
Fort Cherry	0	0	1	0
Chartiers-Houston	0	0	1	0
Serra	0	0	1	0
Avella	0	0	1	0
Frazier	0	0	0	1
Clairton	0	0	0	1
Burgettstown	0	0	0	1

Today

Monessen at Clairton
Frazier at Mapletown
Burgettstown at Beth-Center
California at Serra
Geibel at Bentworth
Chartiers-Houston at Carmichaels
Geibel at Bentworth

Latest Line

NFL

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Week One		
Sunday, Sept 13		
ATLANTA	4 (43)	Miami
BALTIMORE	13 (36)	Kansas City
Philadelphia	1 (44)	CAROLINA
CINCINNATI	4 1/2 (43)	Denver
Minnesota	4 (40)	CLEVELAND
HOUSTON	4 1/2 (43)	NY Jets
INDIANAPOLIS	7 1/2 (44)	Jacksonville
N. ORLEANS	13 1/2 (49)	Detroit
Dallas	6 (39)	TAMPA BAY
ARIZONA	6 1/2 (46)	San Fran
NY GIANTS	6 1/2 (37)	Washington
SEATTLE	8 1/2 (42)	St. Louis
GREEN BAY	3 1/2 (46)	Chicago
Monday, Sept 14		
N. ENGLAND	11 (47)	Buffalo
San Diego	9 1/2 (43)	OAKLAND

College Football

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Today		
Colorado	4 (54)	TOLEDO
Saturday, Sept 12		
N. Carolina	5	CONNECTICUT
W. VIRGINIA	6	East Carolina
PENN STATE	28 1/2	Syracuse
VA TECH	20	Marshall
MICHIGAN ST	14 1/2	C. Michigan
N'WESTERN	18 1/2	E. Michigan
Iowa	6 1/2	IOWA ST
AUBURN	14 1/2	Mississippi St
ARMY	2	Duke
WISCONSIN	8 1/2	Fresno St
WAKE FOREST	3	Stanford
GEORGIA	7	South Carolina
TENNESSEE	8 1/2	Ucla
Byu	17	TULANE
OREGON	12	Purdue
Texas	33 1/2	WYOMING
NAVY	7	Louisiana Tech
Notre Dame	3	MICHIGAN
WASHINGTON	21	Idaho
ALA-BIRM.	11 1/2	Smu
Pittsburgh	11	BUFFALO
Tcu	10 1/2	VIRGINIA
BOSTON COLL.	21	Kent St
TEXAS TECH	27	Rice
MINNESOTA	4	Air Force
a-Hawaii	2	WASHINGTON ST
INDIANA	1 1/2	W. Michigan
MISSOURI	18	Bowling Green
Kansas	11	TEXAS EL PASO
SO. MISS	15	Central Florida
OKLA ST	15 1/2	Houston
BOISE ST	36	Miami-Ohio
LSU	14 1/2	Vanderbilt
Tulsa	18	NEW MEXICO
Southern Cal	6 1/2	OHIO ST
Utah	13 1/2	San Jose St
Oregon St	7	UNLV
NEBRASKA	23 1/2	Arkansas St
ALABAMA	34	Fla International
South Florida	24 1/2	W. KENTUCKY
FLORIDA	36 1/2	Troy
Ohio	3	NORTH TEXAS
MID TENN ST	1	Memphis
Kansas St	7 1/2	UL-LAFAYETTE

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HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Youth football

Mon Valley League

Midgets

Northern Division	W	L	T
Elizabeth Forward	2	0	0
Norwin	1	1	0
Yough	1	1	0
South Allegheny	0	2	0

Eastern Division	W	L	T
Frazier	2	0	0
Rostraver	2	0	0
Monessen	1	1	0
Southmoreland	1	1	0

Southern Division	W	L	T
Beth-Center	1	1	0
California	1	1	0
Bentworth	0	2	0
Brownsville	0	2	0

Western Division	W	L	T
Charleroi	2	0	0
Donora	2	0	0
Monongahela	0	2	0
Union-Finley	0	2	0

Last week's results

Beth-Center 38, Brownsvile 14
California 42, Bentworth 6
Charleroi 10, Monongahela 0
Donora 20, Union-Finley 6
Frazier 12, Monessen 0
Yough 14, Norwin 6
Elizabeth Forward 36, S. Allegheny 6
Rostraver 22, S'moreland 18

Mighty Mite

Northern Division	W	L	T
South Allegheny	2	0	0
Norwin	1	1	0
Elizabeth Forward	0	2	0
Yough	0	2	0

Eastern Division	W	L	T
Frazier	2	0	0
Rostraver	2	0	0
Monessen	0	2	0
Southmoreland	0	2	0

Southern Division	W	L	T
Brownsville	2	0	0
California	2	0	0
Bentworth	0	2	0
Beth-Center	0	2	0

Western Division	W	L	T
Union-Finley	2	0	0
Monongahela	1	0	0
Donora	1	1	0
Charleroi	0	1	0

Last week's results

Brownsville 28,Beth-Center 8
California 20, Bentworth 0
Union-Finley 8, Donora 0
Frazier 28, Monessen 0
Norwin 20, Yough 6
South Allegheny 6, Elizabeth Forward 0
Rostraver 42, S'moreland 0

Termites

Northern Division	W	L	T
Elizabeth Forward	2	0	0
Norwin	2	0	0
South Allegheny	1	1	0
Yough	0	2	0

Eastern Division	W	L	T
Monessen	2	0	0
Rostraver	2	0	0
Frazier	1	1	0
Southmoreland	0	2	0

Southern Division	W	L	T
California	2	0	0
Beth-Center	1	1	0
Bentworth	0	2	0
Brownsville	0	2	0

Western Division	W	L	T
Donora	2	0	0
Charleroi	0	1	0
Monongahela	0	1	0
Union-Finley	0	2	0

Last week's results

Beth-Center 6, Brownsville 0
California 26, Bentworth 0
Donora 28, Union-Finley 0
Monessen 14, Frazier 0
Norwin 18,Yough 0
Elizabeth Forward 8, South Alleghney 6
Rostraver 28, S'moreland 14

Tiny Mites

Northern Division	W	L	T
Yough	2	0	0
Elizabeth Forward	2	0	0
Norwin	1	1	0
South Allegheny	0	2	0

Eastern Division	W	L	T
Monessen	2	0	0
Rostraver	2	0	0
Frazier	1	1	0
Southmoreland	0	2	0

Southern Division	W	L	T
California	2	0	0
Beth-Center	1	1	0
Bentworth	0	2	0
Brownsville	0	2	0

Western Division	W	L	T
Charleroi	1	0	0
Union-Finley	1	1	0
Donora	0	2	0
Monongahela	0	1	0

Last week's results

Beth-Center 22, Brownsville 8
California 8, Bentworth 6
Union-Finley 32, Donora 6
Monessen 12, Frazier 6
Yough 22, Norwin 6
Elizabeth Forward 8, South Alleghney 0
Rostrave 28, S'moreland 6

Schedule

Saturday

Noon - Beth-Center at Frazier; California at Monessen; Elizabeth Forward at Union-Finley; Norwin at Charleroi; South Allegheny at Donora; Yough at Monongahela.
1 p.m. - Southmoreland at Brownsville.
3 p.m. - Rostraver at Bentworth.

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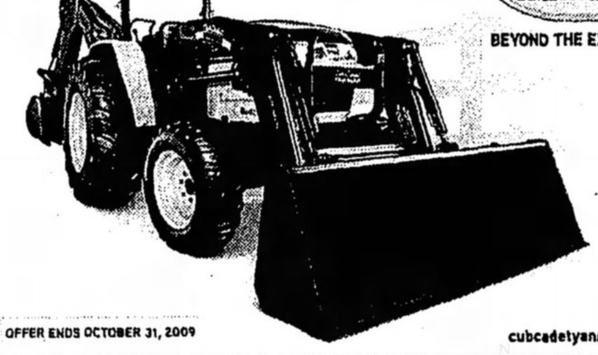

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SPORTS

SPORTS DIGEST

Ringgold wins in cross-country

Both Ringgold High's cross-country teams were winners Thursday at Burgettstown.

The Rams scored 22 points in downing Burgettstown (37) and Avella (50) in a triangular meet with the Lady Rams topping the host school, 23-32.

Ringgold's John Sendek had a winning time of 19:23 with Brian Johnson finishing second,Ben Gardner fourth, Mark DePretis seventh, Josh Mayer eighth and Cameron Johnson ninth.

The Lady Rams' Jackie Barner had a winning time of 23:22 with Lacey Kazior second, Josie Schmidt fifth, Justine Gibson seventh and Jamie Klebanski eighth.

Ringgold in volleyball win

Ringgold High's volleyball team swept Albert Gallatin., 3-0.

The Lady Rams won by 25-11, 25-13 and 25-16 scores with Samantha Helmamtoler (9 kills and 17 service points) and Kelly Becquet (6 kills) leading the way.

Monessen downs Frazier, 22-17

Mariah Johnson scored 11 points to lead the Monessen Middle School basketball team to a 22-17 win over Frazier.

Sabbatini leads BMW Championship

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Rory Sabbatini delivered a few surprises in the BMW Championship.

First, he posted a low round. Then, he took the high road.

Sabbatini has not done much on the PGA Tour since he closed with a 64 to win the Byron Nelson Championship in May. In his last eight starts, he has missed the cut four times and has not finished in the top 30.

The spunky South African has been trying to shorten his swing over the last four months and it's just now coming together. Once he got a few putts to fall Thursday at Cog Hill, he had seven birdies for a 5-under 66 to share the lead with Steve Marino.

Tiger Woods is two strokes back.

Coaches call in your results

With The Valley Independent's Saturday edition being printed early in the morning, coaches in all sports are reminded to cal intheoir results or statistics between 10:30 p.m. and midnight on Fridays.

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Roethlisberger asked to reveal sex partners

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — The lawyer for a woman who is accusing Ben Roethlisberger of rape is prepared to ask a Nevada court to compel the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback to name all the women he has had sex with, court documents show.

Reno lawyer Cal Dunlap also said that if Roethlisberger's request to waive court rules and speed up the evidence-gathering process is granted, he also should be given immediate access to the quarterback's phone records, Internet communications, and names of any women who have claimed improper sexual conduct by the two-time Super Bowl winner.

The possible demands were included in a lengthy motion filed late Tuesday in Washoe District Court in Reno, in which Dunlap argues against motions by Roethlisberger's lawyer to dismiss the woman's case.

The motion also says that if a physical or psychiatric examination of his client is allowed by the court, "a reciprocal examination of her assailant in both categories should also be mandated."

The woman, a VIP casino hostess, filed the civil suit against Roethlisberger in July, claiming the quarterback raped her in 2008 in a penthouse at a Lake Tahoe hotel-casino across the street from a golf course where he was playing in a celebrity tournament. The AP, as a matter of policy, does not identify people who say they have been sexually assaulted.

Group will donate dog food whenever Vick is tackled

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A suburban Philadelphia animal rescue group plans to donate a bag of dog food for tackles of Eagles quarterback Michael Vick.

The Main Line Animal Rescue is announcing the campaign in newspaper ads. It's buying ad space in newspapers of cities the Eagles will visit.

One ad is running in The Washington Post. The Eagles play the Redskins on Oct. 26.

That ad says the group will donate a five-pound bag of dog food for each time Vick is tackled in the game.

Bill Smith, the animal rescue's founder, says he's also contacted newspapers in San Diego and Chicago.

Vick served prison time for running a dogfighting ring. He was signed by the Eagles last month.

The team isn't commenting on the group's campaign.

Prognosticating camel won't pick Eagles games

LACEY TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — Philadelphia Eagles fans thirsty for predictions on whether their team will win or lose each week won't get them from a New Jersey pigskin-prognosticating camel.

Princess, the star of Popcorn Park Zoo, won't predict the results of any Eagles games this season to protest the signing of quarterback Michael Vick. Vick spent 18 months in prison for organizing a dogfighting ring.

The 2,600-pound camel went 17-4 last year and correctly picked the Pittsburgh Steelers to win the Super Bowl.

The zoo's manager places a graham cracker in each hand, and writes the name of a competing team on each hand. Whichever hand Princess eats from is her "pick."

Correction

Skylar Fransko kicked the 42-yard field goal in Ringgold's opening 29-15 loss to Peters Township.

Trivia answer

George Jones.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Four Monessen High gridders were starting at major colleges including Delvin Miller at Kansa, Gene Gladys at Penn State, Jo Jo Heath at Pitt and Reggie Allen at Indiana State University.

20 Years Ago

Second-year Belle Vernon Area High boys' basketball coach John Folmar named John Shusteric his varsity assistant and jv coach.

Danny Holzer was named an assistant on California University men's basketball coach Jim Boone's staff.

10 Years Ago

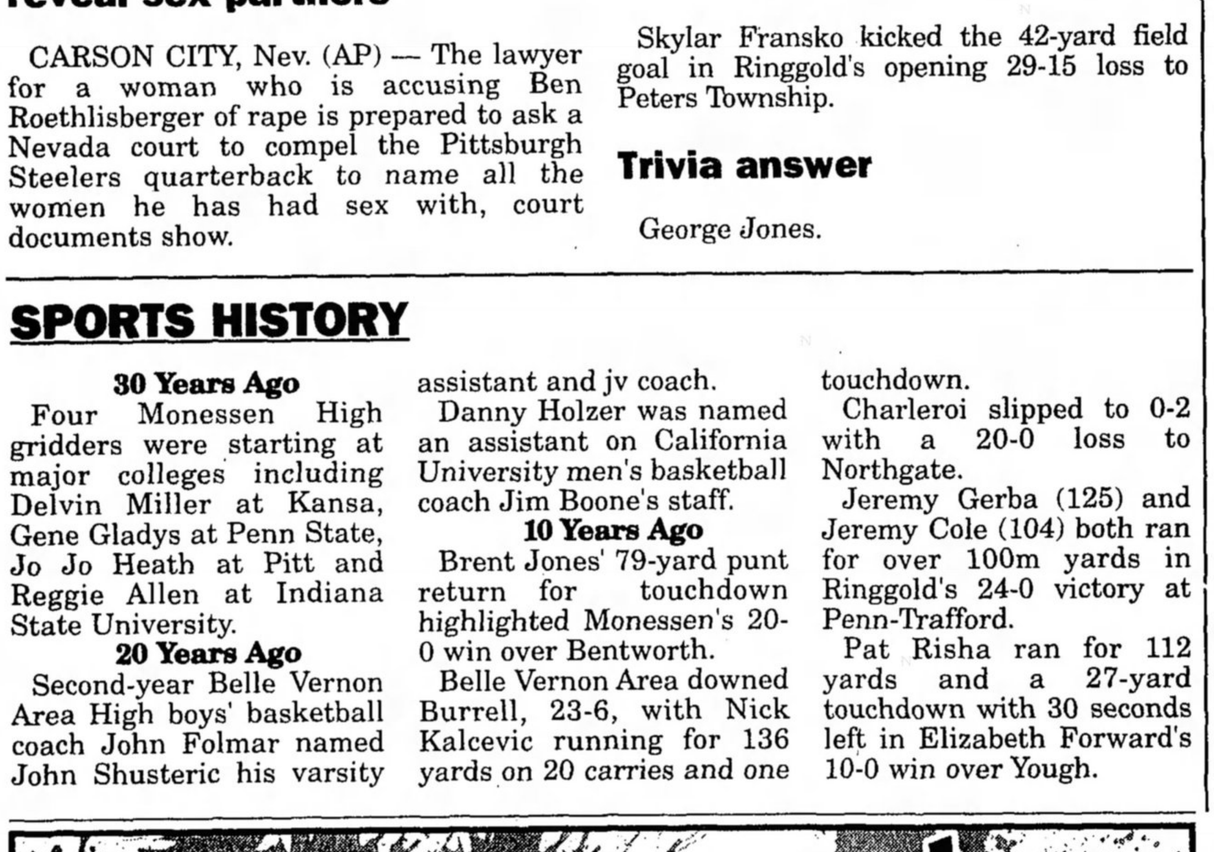
Brent Jones' 79-yard punt return for touchdown highlighted Monessen's 20-0 win over Bentworth.

Belle Vernon Area downed Burrell, 23-6, with Nick Kalcevic running for 136 yards on 20 carries and one touchdown.

Charleroi slipped to 0-2 with a 20-0 loss to Northgate.

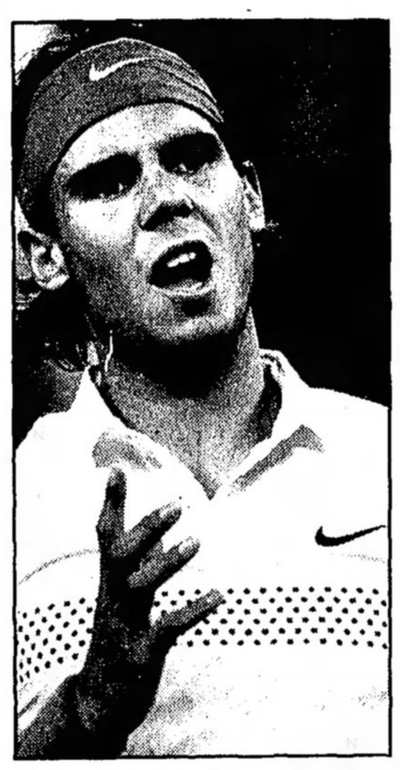
Jeremy Gerba (125) and Jeremy Cole (104) both ran for over 100m yards in Ringgold's 24-0 victory at Penn-Trafford.

Pat Risha ran for 112 yards and a 27-yard touchdown with 30 seconds left in Elizabeth Forward's 10-0 win over Yough.



Nadal gets a needed break with rain at Open

Weather allows third seed to get some rest.



Rafael Nadal

NEW YORK (AP) — If any player needed a break at the U.S. Open, it was Rafael Nadal.

His stomach muscles clearly hurting, the third-seeded Nadal got some time to heal when his match against No. 11 Fernando Gonzalez was postponed because of rain late Thursday night.

Nadal won the first set and was leading 3-2 in the second-set tiebreaker when the second rain delay of the night hit.

Tournament officials waited about 90 minutes before calling play — the first postponement after 10 straight days of fantastic weather at Flushing Meadows.

The postponement, combined with a forecast calling for a 90 percent chance of rain Friday, threatened to place the U.S. Open schedule into flux and made it almost certain that the winner of Nadal-Gonzalez would have to pay for the break he got Thursday, with a packed schedule through the weekend.

Nadal, the six-time major winner trying to complete a career Grand Slam, has been reluctant to talk about the injury. He doesn't want to let his opponents know his weaknesses. But the medical timeout he took early in the second set, with the trainer poking and massaging his stomach, told the story.

As did his uncle and coach, Toni Nadal.

"In the first set, it was very, very bad," he said in an interview on ESPN2, which is televising the tournament in the United States. "Now, it's a little better. It's difficult. We must win this set."

The delay meant the biggest — and only — winner from Thursday's singles was Juan Martin del Potro. The sixth-seeded Argentine made his second Grand Slam semifinal by beating No. 16 Marin Cilic 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 earlier in the day, when the wind was blowing hard in front of the rainstorm that came later.

Del Potro and Cilic are quite similar: Both 6-foot-6, with big serves and seemingly unlimited potential. And they were born five days apart in 1988, making them the two youngest players ranked in the top 20.

Cilic raced through the first set and was up 3-1 in the second, when things changed quickly. Del Potro steadied himself in the wind, which reached gusts of 20 mph, and won 17 of the last 20 games.

His first Grand Slam semifinal was at this year's French Open, where he led Roger Federer 2-1 in sets but let it slip away.

"Well, I learn many things. I was so close to beat him," del Potro said. "I have everything to learn, you know. I want to be a good player in the future."

He finished with only 24 unforced errors — 29 fewer than Cilic.

"He was not missing," said Cilic, who upset No. 2 Andy Murray on Tuesday.

The other men's semifinal is already set: No. 1 Federer against No. 4 Novak Djokovic. Federer beat Djokovic at the U.S. Open in the 2007 final and 2008 semifinals, part of an overall 8-4 lead in the head-to-head series.

But the only time Federer has missed a final in the past 17 Grand Slam tournaments was after a loss to Djokovic, who won their semifinal en route to the 2008 Australian Open title.

The men's semifinals are scheduled for what used to be known as "Super Saturday," at the U.S. Open — two semis followed by the women's final.

The women's semifinals were on the slate for Friday. Defending champion Serena Williams was scheduled to meet 2005 champion Kim Clijsters, and Caroline Wozniacki was supposed to face Yanina Wickmayer in a matchup of 19-year-olds both playing in a Grand Slam semifinal for the first time.

Williams is seeking her fourth U.S. Open title and 12th Grand Slam singles championship overall. She also has a chance to win her 10th women's doubles title at a major with older sister Venus. They advanced to that final Thursday with a three-set victory over Alisa Kleybanova and Ekaterina Makarova.

Ga. Tech holds off Clemson

Scott Blair

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia Tech learned a valuable lesson without having to take a devastating loss.

If the Yellow Jackets ever get another big lead, they'd better not let up.

Scott Blair kicked a 36-yard field goal with 57 seconds remaining to bail out No. 15 Georgia Tech, which squandered a 24-point lead but still managed to beat Clemson 30-27 Thursday night.

"I hope nobody left," coach Paul Johnson quipped. "We tried to make it exciting for everybody."

A little too exciting for the Yellow Jackets (2-0, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who needed a comeback of their own to set up another big league game next Thursday night at No. 20 Miami.

Redshirt freshman Kyle Parker threw three touchdown passes in his second college start, leading Clemson to 27 straight points. Richard Jackson gave the Tigers (1-1, 0-1) their first lead on a 53-yard field goal with 11:33 to go.

"When a team scores 27 unanswered points, that shows we let down a little bit," said Anthony Allen, who rushed for 127 yards on just five carries. "That's something we've got to work on. When we get the lead, we've got to keep on punching them in the mouth."

Blair was an unlikely star for the Yellow Jackets. He threw the first touchdown pass of his life, a 34-yarder to Demaryius Thomas off a fake field goal during Georgia Tech's early barrage, which gave the home team a 24-0 lead early in the second quarter.

"I actually don't remember catching the ball or throwing the ball too much," Blair said with a big smile. "I guess it was dreamlike."

Then, he kicked the first game-winning field goal of his college career.

"I was just trying to treat it like a normal kick, not psych myself out," Blair said. "I wasn't paying attention to the score at all. I didn't want to think at the time that it was a game-winner. It was just another kick."

Georgia Tech, which did nothing offensively through most of the second and third quarters, finally regrouped for a 69-yard drive that set up Blair's tying kick, a 34-yarder with 5:40 left. Then, after a holding penalty on Clemson's Thomas Austin wiped out Parker's 38-yard completion to Jacoby Ford, the Yellow Jackets got a chance to win it

Josh Nesbitt hooked up with Thomas for a 39-yard pass, making up for a miserable passing performance in which the Georgia Tech quarterback completed only 3 of 14 pass attempts for 83 yards with two interceptions. After Thomas' catch, the Yellow Jackets moved into position for Blair's winning kick.

Clemson overcame a nightmarish start. Parker, a redshirt freshman making only his second college start, threw for 261 yards and connected with C.J. Spiller on a 63-yard touchdown and Ford on a 77-yarder, sandwiched around a 9-yard scoring pass to Dwayne Allen.

Spiller rushed for 87 yards and caught four passes for 69 more. Ford had five catches for 109 yards.

"I'm proud of the way we played against a top 15 team on the road," Spiller said. "We kept thinking we would come back and get back in the game. You have to believe. You have to have faith."

Report: Semenya male and female

By The Associated Press

The IAAF has received the results of gender tests on Caster Semenya, winner of the women's 800-meter world title last month, and will meet with the South African runner before completing its report.

In an e-mail to The Associated Press, IAAF spokesman Nick Davies said Thursday he couldn't confirm a story in Australia's Sydney Morning Herald newspaper stating that tests show Semenya has male and female sexual organs.

"I simply haven't seen the results," Davies said. "We have received the results from Germany, but they now need to be examined by a group of experts and we will not be in a position to speak to the athlete about them for at least a few weeks.

"After that, depending on the results, we will meet privately with the athlete to discuss further action."

The Australian newspaper reported in its Friday edition that medical reports on the 18-year-old Semenya indicate she has no ovaries, but rather has internal male testes, which are producing large amounts of testosterone.

Davies said the newspaper's report "should be treated with caution."

After dominating her race at the world championships in Berlin last month, Semenya underwent blood and chromosome tests, as well as a gynecological examination.

The IAAF has said Semenya probably would keep her medal because the case was not related to a doping matter.

"Our legal advice is that, if she proves to have an advantage because of the male hormones, then it will be extremely difficult to strip the medal off her, since she has not cheated," Davies wrote to the AP. "She was naturally made that way, and she was entered in Berlin by her team and accepted by the IAAF. But let's wait and see once we have the final decision."

The South African Press Association reported that the country's president of athletics hadn't been informed of any reports by the IAAF.

TV LISTINGS

Woman chooses cruel answer to question of unwanted cat

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: My brother-in-law, "Ray," and his wife moved in with my husband's parents for a few months until they could get back on their feet. They have two small boys and a cat, "Precious," they have had since they were first married.

They looked for an apartment to rent, but could not find one that would allow pets. My mother-in-law, "Loretta," was anxious for them to move out, so she told them to take the apartment and she'd keep the cat at her home.

Shortly after, Loretta asked my husband to secretly get rid of it. (Her husband had refused.)

When my husband said he couldn't do it, she took matters into her own hands, drove Precious 10 miles away from her house and dumped her on the side of the road.

Ray and the kids went to her home every day to set out milk and look for their kitty. They also checked with the local animal shelter. About 10 days later, they found Precious at the shelter. They had to pay to re-adopt her — money they didn't have to spare. Not knowing what I know, they then returned their cat to Loretta!

Should I tell Ray the truth so they can rescue their cat, or keep mum so as not to make my mother-in-law angry by revealing the awful thing she did? — **ON THE FENCE IN NEVADA**

DEAR ON THE FENCE: What your mother-in-law did was unconscionable.

I don't know how many of Precious' nine lives were used up after she was abandoned, but house pets usually die from starvation, exposure, attacks by predators or encounters with vehicles after being dumped as she was.

If you can't bring yourself to tell your brother-in-law what happened to his furry family member, clip this and mail it to him with a note explaining that it contains an important message. After all, someone must speak for the voiceless.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I moved into a new home a few months ago. On our first night in our new residence, an emotionally disturbed relative came over and caused a scene which resulted in the police being called to have the person removed from our home. Since then, we have been shunned by our neighbors.

I was hoping for a friendly welcome, but I haven't gotten so much as a "hello," let alone a plate of cookies.

How should we handle this? I realize that because of the police incident, the neighbors may think we have domestic issues — or worse. I don't know how to improve the bad impression that was created — especially since it was not our fault. Please help. — **WAITING FOR THE WELCOME WAGON IN INDIANAPOLIS**

DEAR WAITING: If you see a neighbor, smile, say hello and introduce yourself. As to "waiting for the welcome wagon," in many areas the custom of welcoming newcomers into the neighborhood has died out. So why not take the initiative, bake a couple of batches of cookies or buy some candy for the neighbors on either side of you and immediately across the street. Write a short note to be included with each, saying, "We apologize for not doing this sooner, but my husband and I were embarrassed by what happened the night we moved in. A relative caused the disturbance. We are very sorry you were inconvenienced. Sincerely, ___"

That should help you break the ice.

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FRIDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS	(2) KDKA-TV News at Six (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 6	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric (7) Entertainment (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N) (7) Inside Edition (N) (10) Two and a Half Men	Ghost Whisperer "Endless Love" Melinda prepares for her wedding.		Medium "The Talented Ms. Boddicker" Allison dreams about a quirky bank teller with a psychic ability.		NUMB3RS "Greatest Hits" The team investigates a series of copycat bank robberies.		(2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Michael Douglas; Leighton Meester; Kid Cudi. (N)		(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Drew Carey; Mindy Kaling. (N)		(2) (:37) Extra (N) (7) (:37) Paid Programming (10) (:37) Paid Program	(2) Bring Wall St (7) Paid Prog (10) Paid	(2) Paid Program (7) Paid Programming (10) AutomotiveVision.TV
ABC	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 6 (23) Insider	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition (N) (23) Jeopardy!	(4) Entertainment Tonight (23) Wheel of Fortune	Supernanny "Sachs Family" Jo tries to help two busy, working parents who feel guilty.		Ugly Betty A Mode editor's sudden death leaves Betty and Marc competing for the same job.		20/20 (Season Premiere) La Toya Jackson talks to Barbara Walters. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Rumer Willis; The Used. (N)		(4) (:06) Oprah Winfrey (23) (:06) Paid Program	(23) (:35) Paid Program	(4) (:06) Paid Program (23) (:05) Jerry Springer	(4) (:36) Channel 4 Action News at 11
NBC	(6) WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) (9) News (N) (11) Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight Matt Damon; "Fame." (N) (9) (11) Jeopardy!	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N) (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune	Southland "Derailed" Officers find a dead gang member in the trunk of a car. (PA)		Dateline NBC				(6) WJAC-TV News (9) Sports (11) Ch. 11 News	(6) (11) (:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Antonio Banderas; Bill Hader. (N) (9) (:45) High School Football Indian Creek vs. Oak Glen.		(6) (11) (:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Russell Brand; Kaitlin Olson; George Jones. (N)		(6) (11) (:36) Last Call With Carson Daly John Scurti; Zee Avi.	(6) (11) (:05) Poker After Dark (N) (9) (:15) Poker After Dark (Joined in Progress) (N)	
FOX	(8) The Simpsons (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show (53) Frasier	(8) Seinfeld (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) Everybody Loves Raymond (53) Seinfeld	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? Extreme-sport enthusiast, weight-loss consultant try to win. (N)		Glee "Showmance" The club performs for the first time.		(8) News (53) Channel 11 News	(8) (:35) Everybody Loves Raymond "Young Girl"	(8) (:05) Seinfeld (53) Seinfeld	(8) (:35) Frasier (53) Scrubs	(8) (12:05) Paid Programming (53) Scrubs	(8) (:35) Paid Programming (53) Paid Programming	(8) Paid Prog (53) Bring Wall St	(8) (:35) Paid Programming (53) Free Money	(8) (:05) Paid Programming (53) George Lopez	(8) Paid Program (53) House of Payne
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	Off Q	Washington Week (N)	NOW on PBS (N)	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		Love Brother	Surviving Sept	Charlie Rose		OnQ	Smart Travels	Washington Week	NOW on PBS	Bill Moyers Journal	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	The Vampire Diaries "Pilot"		Melrose Place "Pilot"		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park "Grey Dawn"	Mountaineer Magazine	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
(22) WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)				TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law Order: CI		Foreclosure	Paid Prog	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club (N)		Joel Rosenberg Live Discussion.				Second	Gospel	In Touch-Dr		Nwswtch	The Place for Miracles		TV One Life	The Zone	Travel Road	Youthbytes	Pure Passion
(59) WBGN	TBA	RENO 911!	TBA	Paid Prog	The Dead Zone		ReGenesis "China"		Cheaters	RENO 911!	Punk'd	Cribs	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami "Kill Zone"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
ABCFAM	My Wife	My Wife	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club (N)		'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid Prog.	P90X: Proof	Paid Prog.	Ab Secrets
AMC	(5:45) ★★ "Mobsters" (1991) Christian Slater.				★★★★ "GoodFellas" (1990, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta.						★★ "The Return of the Living Dead" (1985)				★★★ "The Fly" (1986) Jeff Goldblum, John Getz.			
ANPL	Weird, True & Freaky		Animal Cops		Untamed and Uncut		Jockeys "Split Decision"		Monsters Inside Me		Jockeys "Split Decision"		Untamed and Uncut		Monsters Inside Me		Animal Cops	
BBC	Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Friday Night		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Friday Night		Top Gear		Friday Night	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live "Freestyle Friday"				★★ "Honey" (2003) Jessica Alba, Mekhi Phifer.				Frankie	Frankie	The Wendy Williams Show		★★ "Honey" (2003) Jessica Alba, Mekhi Phifer.				The Wendy Williams Show	
BRAVO	(5:00) ★★★ "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003)				★★★ "Coming to America" (1988) Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall.					★★★ "Coming to America" (1988) Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall.					★★ "Practical Magic" (1998) Sandra Bullock.			
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Thomas Family"				★★★ "Urban Cowboy" (1980, Drama) John Travolta, Debra Winger, Scott Glenn.						★★★ "Pure Country" (1992) George Strait, Lesley Ann Warren.					Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		Reports	Options	The Suze Orman Show		American Greed		Mad Money		Fast Money		American Greed		Foreclosure	Paid Prog
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	RENO 911!	Presents	Scrubs	Scrubs	Jim Breuer: Let's Clear-Air		Presents	Presents	Brand in New York City		Presents	Presents	Demetri Martin		Brand in New York City		Tommy Tiernan: Mental	
CSPAN	House	Tonight From Washington									Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	MythBusters		MythBusters		Dirty Jobs		County Jail: Miami		MythBusters		Dirty Jobs		County Jail: Miami		A Haunting	
DISNEY	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Suite Life	Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Wizards	Montana	Phineas-Ferb	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	True Hollywood Story		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Girls	Kendra	Kourtney	Kourtney	The Soup (N)	Reality Hell	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	The Soup	Kendra	Soup	Kendra	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter	Basketball Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony					College Football Colorado at Toledo. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	College Football		College Football: 1980 Rose Bowl -- Ohio St. vs. USC				College Football 1985 Rose Bowl -- Ohio State vs. USC.				College Football 1990 USC at Ohio State.				1997 World Series of Poker		1998 World Series of Poker	
ESPN2	NASCAR Race		Countdown	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Virginia 529 College Savings 250.					Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter	Yearbook	Baseball	NFL Live (N)	SportsNation (Live)		NASCAR Race	
EWTN	(5:30) Eucharistic Congress (Live)			Bread of Life	Eucharistic Congress (Live)		The World Over (Live)		Defending	St Josemaria	Crossing	Bookmark	Eucharistic Congress "Opening Mass"				The World Over	
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute	Challenge		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City Los Angeles.		Good Eats	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City Los Angeles.		Good Eats	Rachael
FSN	Pirates	SportsBeat	In My Words	Pregame	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Houston Astros. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)						Pirates Post.	Final Score	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Houston Astros.				Final Score	Final Score
FX	★★★ "Double Jeopardy" (1999) Tommy Lee Jones.				★★ "Perfect Stranger" (2007) Halle Berry, Bruce Willis.				'70s Show	'70s Show	Sons of Anarchy				(12:08) ★★ "Flightplan" (2005, Suspense) Jodie Foster.		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
GOLF	Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf: Nationwide Tour -- Utah Championship			PGA Tour Golf BMW Championship -- Second Round.							Golf Central	LPGA Tour Golf: P&G Beauty NW Ark. Champ.				PGA Tour Golf: Nationwide	
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lingo	Millionaire	Catch 21	Newlywed	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Touched by an Angel		★★ "Stone Cold" (2005, Mystery) Tom Selleck.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House	House	Property	Property	House	Bang, Buck	House	Unsellable	Design Star		Property	Property	House	Bang, Buck	House	Unsellable
HIST	Zero Hour		The Day the Towers Fell		102 Minutes That Changed America			Witnesses	Hotel Ground Zero (N)		Predicted 9/11		102 Minutes That Changed America			Witnesses	Hotel Ground Zero	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Medium		Medium "Light Sleeper"		Project Runway		Project Runway		Models	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Grey's Anatomy "Rise Up"		Paid Prog.
MSNBC	The Ed Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		9/11: As It Happened				9/11: As It Happened	
MTV	Parental	Parental	Fantasy	Fantasy	Pranked	Pranked	Nitro Circus	Nitro Circus	★★ "The Beach" (2000) Leonardo DiCaprio, Tilda Swinton. Premiere.					Pranked	Pranked	Fantasy	★★ "The Beach" (2000)	
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	(5:30) ★★★ "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993) Tom Hanks.				★★ "Two Weeks Notice" (2002) Sandra Bullock.				★★★ "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan.					★★★ "A League of Their Own" (1992) Tom Hanks, Madonna.				
PCN	PCN Tours		PCN PM	High School Football Canon-McMillian vs. Pittsburgh Central Catholic.					High School Football				PCN Tours "BWP Bats"		PCN Profiles		Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	PCNC News	NightTalk: Get to the Point		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog.	NightTalk	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		(8:53) UFC Unleashed		(9:56) UFC Unleashed		NRL Rugby Teams TBA. (Same-day Tape)				(:03) Afro Samurai "Afro Samurai: Resurrection"			
SYFY	Stargate SG-1 "2010"		Star Trek: Enterprise		Eureka		Eureka "Have an Ice Day"		Warehouse 13		Eureka "Have an Ice Day"		Stargate SG-1		Stargate Atlantis "The Ark"		Stargate SG-1	
TBS	Raymond	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	★★ "The Holiday" (2006) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet.					Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(:45) ★★ "I Spy" (2002) (PA) Eddie Murphy.				Bloopers 4
TCM	Green Dlp	★★ "Three Hours to Kill" (1954)			★★ "Million Dollar Baby" (1941)			(:45) ★★ "Brewster's Millions" (1945)			(:15) ★★ "Man With a Million" (1953) Gregory Peck.				★★ "Always Together" (1947, Comedy)			Sonny Boy
TLC	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Making Over America		Dress	Dress	Making Over America		Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress
TNT	Bones		CSI: NY "Silent Night"		★★★ "300" (2007) Gerard Butler, Lena Headey. Premiere.					Dark Blue "August"		Dark Blue "O.I.S."		CSI: NY "The Closer"		★★ "Stealth" (2005) Josh Lucas.		
TOON	Star Wars	Star Wars	"Ben 10: Race Against Time" (2007)			Ben 10: Alien Force		Teen Titans	King of Hill	King of Hill	Chicken	Amer Dad	Clerks	Hungerforce	The Oblongs	Frisky Dingo	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Vegas Do's and Don'ts		Extreme Megastructures		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Ghost Adventures		Weird Travels		Most Haunted USA		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Ghost Adventures		Weird Travels	
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	World's Wildest		Forensic	Forensic	Power, Privilege & Justice		Forensic	Forensic	World's Wildest		Forensic	Forensic	Power, Privilege & Justice	
TVLAND	Little House on the Prairie		Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Married...	Married...	★★★ "Field of Dreams" (1989) Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan.					Roseanne	Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS "Requiem"		NCIS "Deception"		NCIS "Light Sleeper"		Monk (N)		Psych (N)		Law Order: CI		Monk		Psych		★★ "Patch Adams"	
VH1	Tool Academy		Real Chance of Love		Behind the Music		NWA: World's Most Dangerous Group			★★ "Roll Bounce" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Bow Wow, Chi McBride.					Real Chance of Love		My Antonio Hula love story.	
VS.	Hunting TV	Outdoor	Dangerous	North-Alaska	Whitetail	Bucks	Buck Stops	Monster	Tred Barta	Huntley Way	Whitetail	Bucks	Buck Stops	Monster	Cycling	Huntley Way	Dangerous	North-Alaska
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		★★★ "Under the Tuscan Sun" (2003) Diane Lane, Sandra Oh.					The Locator	The Locator	The Locator	The Locator	The Locator	The Locator	Ugliest House on the Block		Ugliest
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		★★★ "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" (1989)				MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. (Live)						WGN News	Scrubs	Chappelle's	Chappelle's
ENC	Phenomenon	★ "The Avengers" (1998) Ralph Fiennes.			★★★ "No Country for Old Men" (2007)				(:05) ★★★ "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994) Tim Robbins.					★★ "Point of No Return" (1993) Bridget Fonda.				Rapid Fire
HBO	(:15) ★★★ "Shrek" (2001, Comedy)		(:45) ★★ "Eagle Eye" (2008) Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan.						Real Time With Bill Maher		Real Time With Bill Maher		Hard Knocks		(:05) ★★ "Pride and Glory" (2008) Edward Norton.			
MAX	Substitute 4	(:20) ★★★ "Definitely, Maybe" (2008)			(:15) ★★ "The Ruins" (2008)			MAX on Set	★★ "Swordfish" (2001) John Travolta.		(:40) Lingerie		(12:15) "The Erotic Traveler 4: Self Portrait" (2007)				★★ "The Mexican" (2001)	
SHOW	Inside the NFL (iTV)		Kevin Nealon		★ "Awake" (2007) Hayden Christensen.			(:25) ★★ "The Eye" (2008) Jessica Alba.			Inside the NFL (iTV)		★ "Witless Protection" (2008) iTV.			(:45) ★★ "Love & Sex" (2000) iTV.		
STARZ	(5:50) ★ "College Road Trip" (2008)			(:40) ★★ "Quarantine" (2008) Jennifer Carpenter.				(:21) ★★ "First Sunday" (2008)			Lawrence	Lawrence	(12:05) ★★ "Quarantine" (2008)			(:40) ★★ "Hatchet" (2006) Joel Moore.		
TMC	(:05) ★★ "Bright Lights, Big City" (1988, Drama)				★★ "The Color of Freedom" (2007) Joseph Fiennes.				★★★ "Stardust" (2007) Claire Danes, Charlie Cox.				(12:10) ★ "Perfect Opposites" (2004)			(:45) ★★ "Clean, Shaven" (1993)		

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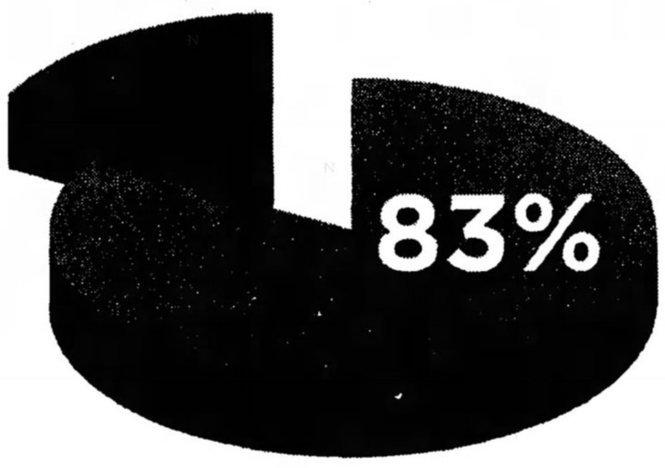

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VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Mid-Mon Valley Shipmates

With 50 Mid-Mon Valley Shipmates in attendance, Commander Joe Acton opened the September meeting at the James C. Ford American Legion Post 949 in Carroll Township.

Following a prayer by Chaplain Bill Ness, Ron Dewalt led the flag pledge. The Shipmates approved minutes presented by Yeoman Nick Antonelli and Henry Venanzi's report.

The group approved James Pauley's membership application. The organization is open to active and inactive U.S. Navy, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine members.

A delegation of Shipmates attended the Medal of Honor ceremony in Washington County, with Gen. David Papak, a Monongahela native, as the keynote speaker.

Monessen will host the Veterans Day parade Nov. 7. The shipmates approved the purchase of a full-page ad in the program with Joe Gallo accepting patron donations from individuals.

The fundraising chairman reported that tag day at the Walmart in Washington and Rostraver Township was successful.

Rich Walters noted the cooperation the Shipmates receive from the Carroll Township American Legion and Commander George Hutchko received a standing ovation.

The Shipmates contact local schools annually to present a program for fifth-graders on the history of the flag and flag etiquette. James Caldwell and George Diehl contact the schools. The next meeting will be Oct. 6. Acton won the monetary prize.

MARRIAGES

Parasolick-Kosanko

Autumn Dawn Parasolick and Justin Andrew Kosanko were married 2 p.m. June 13 by the Rev. Lawrence Manchas at St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church in North Belle Vernon.

Lisa Spang served as organist and Bob Bernardo as soloist. Rachel Petras, of Bethel Park, cousin of the bride, and Rose Snyder, of Charleroi, aunt of the groom, served as readers.

The bride is the daughter of Andrea and George Parasolick Jr., of Belle Vernon, and the granddaughter of Madeline and George Parasolick, of Monongahela. The groom is the son of Joseph Kosanko, of Fayette City, and Terri Budd, of Belle Vernon, and the grandson of Peggy and Joseph Kosanko, of Fayette City, and Judith and Tom Budd, of Rostraver Township.

Jamie Farquhar, of Belle Vernon, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids comprised Ashley Creighton, of Donora, cousin of the bride; Brooke Mutich, of Belle Vernon,

The Kosankos

sister of the groom; Megan Hepple, of Morgantown, W.Va.; Shelby McMahon, of Morgantown; and Emily Yoder, of West Newton.

Jenna Budd, of Rostraver Township, cousin of the groom, served as junior bridesmaid. Gabrielle DeLeonibus, of Rostraver Township, served as flower girl.

Joseph Lopez and Ken Witcherman, both of Belle Vernon, served as best men. Groomsmen comprised Jordan Mutich and Brady Mutich, of Belle Vernon, brothers of the groom, and Brennan Anthony, of Bethel Park; Mike Necciai, of Monongahela; and Garet Melan, of Belle Vernon.

Camden Budd, of Rostraver Township, cousin of the groom, served as ring bearer.

A Cinderella-themed reception took place at the Youghiogheny Ballroom. Tom and Amanda Maise served as church greeters and distributed wedding favors of horse and carriage picture frames at the reception.

The bride is a 2003 Belle Vernon Area High School honors graduate. She is a 2006 high honors graduate of California University of Pennsylvania, where she received a master of education degree in special education and elementary education in May. She is anIntermediate 1 special education teacher in the Connellsville Area School District. The groom is a 2000 Belle Vernon Area High School graduate and a 2004 high honors graduate of Penn State University. He is a claim manager for Cigna in Pittsburgh.

The couple is planning a honeymoon to Walt Disney World and lives in Belle Vernon.

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CALENDAR WATCH

Saturday

■ Donora High School class of 1944 birthday reunion, Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Rostraver Township, 1 p.m.

■ West Newton Community Festival, vine Street Park area, noon to 11 p.m.

■ Hoagie sale pickup, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Donora, 11 a.m. to noon.

■ Hazel's Corner IV rummage and bake sale, West Newton United Presbyterian Church Street, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Monessen Lions Club canvasses city with brooms and trash bags and will be stationed at old Amoco station on Grand Boulevard at Fifth Street, noon to 3 p.m.

■ Vernon High School Class of 1949 reunion, Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Rostraver Township, 4 p.m.

■ Barbecue, Monessen Eagles, 1 p.m.

■ Gyros by George, Fallowfield Township Fire Department, 328 Fallowfield Ave., 11 a.m.

■ Flea market, Center on the Hill, Washington Township, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Star party, Mingo Creek County Park, dusk.

■ Crusin' in the Woods car show and flea market, Center in the Woods, 130 Woodland Court, California, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Mon Ducky Race, Brownsville Riverside Wharf Park, noon.

■ Long Branch Community Grange 2072 meeting, 7 p.m.

■ Diocese of Greensburg Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt, celebrates Mass on 100th anniversary of the Church of the Seven Dolors, Yukon, 4:30 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Dance planned

A dance with a disc jockey will take place 10 p.m. Saturday at the Charleroi Elks lodge.

Belle Vernon Area plans open house

Belle Vernon Area School District will conduct evening open house 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. as follows: Tuesday, Bellmar and Rostraver Middle schools; Wednesday, Belle Vernon Area High School; Thursday, Marion and Rostraver elementary schools.

Monongahela library sets autumn Story Time

Autumn Preschool Story Time at the Monongahela Area Library will begin 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. The program is designed for children ages 30 months through 5 and includes three books or stories, songs, rhymes, a craft and free play. For information, call (924) 258-5409.

Southwestern Chiefs, Assistants to meet

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs Association Inc. will meet 8 p.m. Wednesday at Monessen Volunteer Fire Department No. 2.

Workshop planned at Monessen library

The Mon Valley Initiative Business and Workforce Development Program, in partnership with Monessen Public Library and District Center's Workplace Program, will offer a free workshop on career services offered by each organization 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the library. Participants can learn about referrals to training and educational opportunities, criminal background issues, resume development and interview techniques, and job leads and career exploration workshops. An on-site recruiting event will be conducted. Registration is required and can be arranged by calling (724) 379-4750, extension 127.

Caregivers Support Group plans meeting

The Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging Caregivers Support Group will meet 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Area Agency on Aging, 200 S. Main St., Greensburg. Leigh Lowden will discuss effectively communicating with memory-impaired people. For reservations, call Toni McGovern at (724) 830-4489.

Donora Harley Owners Group schedules meeting

Harley Owners Group Chapter 4264, Donora, will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Rostraver Grange.

Marion Elementary PTA meeting set

The Marion Elementary PTA will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday in the cafeteria. Babysitting and refreshments will be available.

Cal U schedules Pursuit of Happiness

California University of Pennsylvania will conduct Pursuit of Happiness – its 22nd annual Health Fair – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Natali Student Center Performance Center. Exhibitors will offer healthy food samples, free massages, health screening procedures and educational information. Free urine testing for gonorrhea and chlamydia will be offered in the Multicultural Room in Carter Hall. Flu shots will be available for a fee. For information, call (724) 938-5922.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Woman's Club of Elizabeth

The Woman's Club of Elizabeth will open its 2009-2010 year 6 p.m. Monday at the Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth on Third Street.

President Jo Ann Leshen will preside and present her officers for the year: Linda Mowry, recording secretary; Lois Johnson, corresponding secretary; and Carol Jean McKenzie, treasurer.

The executive committee comprises the officers, along with Margaret Hutchko; April Andrejdes; Claire Fekula, press secretary; Leshen, program; Andrejdes, scrapbook; Elizabeth Soltis, flowers and sick; Helen Allen and Bertha DeVault, by-laws; Claire Fekula and Mary Jean Biddle, budget and audit committee; Maxine Gatto, keeper of the key; Leshen, Girl Scouts; McKenzie, special club project; Linda Risku and Virginia Bolivar, ways and means; Helen Markus, awards; Dianne Stonebreaker and Markus, civic committee; Sandra Danko, Vonnie Biddle, Andrejdes, Jane Ellis; Hutchko, membership.

Virginia Bolivar will serve as hostess for the meeting. Soltis, Patty Bekavac and Kathy Vargo will aid her.

McKenzie said dues will be collected at the meeting.

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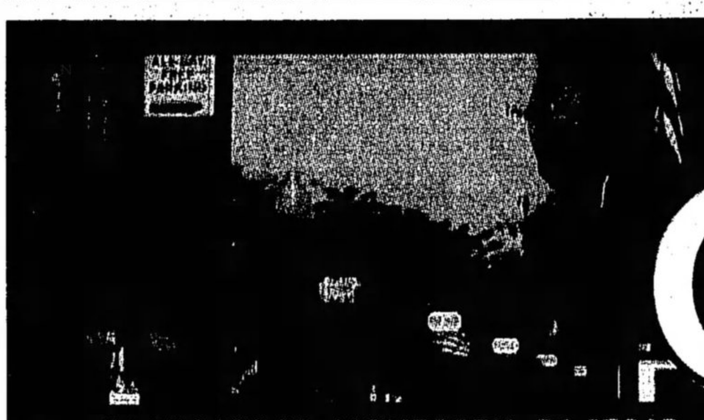

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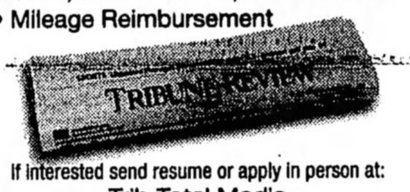

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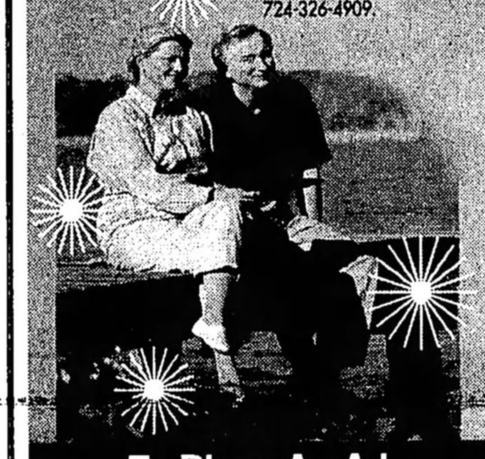

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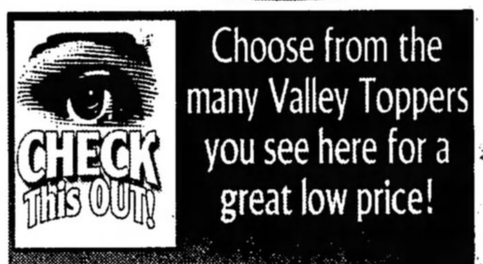

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3000/OPEN HOUSES

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221 Clark St.- beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch, corner landscaped lot, large covered porch, finished gameroom, stainless steel appliances. DIR: 70 E/W, North Belle Vernon Exit to L Broad Ave., R Fayette St., R Clark. (Cathy Gallo).

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3060/FOR SALE/WASH.

CARROLL TWP. 3 bedroom, 1 acre, garage, owner will give over $6,000 towards buyer costs, home warranty. Call Mary at Coldwell Banker TCR 724-454-9059. $102,000.

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3066/FOR SALE/OTHER

MONESSEN Well built 2 bedroom level entry brick ranch with hardwoods throughout, enclosed porch, extra large basement, 1 car garage & plenty of parking. Priced to sell! $64,900.
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3066/FOR SALE/OTHER

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NEW LISTING
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3540/APTS-RENT/FAYETTE

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WASHINGTON TWP. ½ duplex, 2 bedroom, A/C, appliances, no pets, non-smoking. $450+ utilities & security. 724-938-3055.

3555/APTS-RENT/WASHINGTON

CHARLEROI-large clean 1 bedroom apts., new carpet, furnished. $250-$300, 1 mo. free. David 1-888-477-9773.

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MONONGAHELA 2nd floor, 2 bedroom, lg. living room, nice kitchen, peaceful neighborhood. $450+ utilities. No pet. 724-258-6481.

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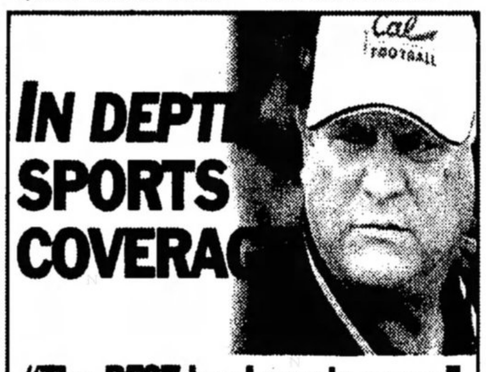

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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Delverme, Virginia
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Letters of Testamentary on the estate of VIRGINIA DELVERME, late of Luzerne Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to:

James J. DelVerme
Executor
807 Marion Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Timothy M. Maatta,
Attorney
513 Schoonmaker Ave.
Monessen, PA 15062
9/4,11,18

Grieb, Olga
ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF OLGA GRIEB, late of Bentleyville, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

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Neil J. Marcus, Esquire
P.O. Box 652
Monongahela, PA 15063
9/4,11,18

Sethman, Mary Ann
ESTATE NOTICE

Letters of testamentary on the estate of MARY ANN SETHMAN, late of Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to:

Richard G. Sethman,
Executor
84 Beatty Lane
Scenery Hill, PA 15360

Timothy M. Maatta,
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513 Schoonmaker Ave.
Monessen, PA 15062
9/4,11,18

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2020/BID NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SEALED PROPOSALS are being accepted by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Pennsylvania for the provision of Nursing Services for the Washington County Health Center and Correctional Facility. Proposals will be accepted until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at the Washington County Controller's Office, Room 403, Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington, PA 15301.

All proposals must be submitted as 1 Original + 3 Copies according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Also, submit required word documents in Microsoft Word and spreadsheet in Excel format on compact disc. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

You may obtain the above-mentioned proposal from the Washington County Web Site at: www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bids from the website are responsible for contract changes at the web site.

Proposal Envelope Must be Marked:

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The Washington County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all offers.

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MARY HELICKE
CHIEF CLERK
9/5,11

LIEN NOTICE

The sale of contents will be sold to satisfy the lien at: Meo's Rentals, 111 Donner Avenue, Monessen, PA 15062, to be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 10am.

Kimberly Pidich #28
Heather Agostinone #20
Dawn Daniel #19
Melissa Bilski #63
Jason Sullenberger #61
John Knopp #60
Bob Watson #58
Michelle Zubritsky #56
George Hartung #36
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GARAGE SALES

5310/GARAGE/YARD SALES

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BELLE VERNON- 22 Adams Ave. (Seldom Scene). Fri. 9-2pm & Sat. 9-? All kinds of good stuff.

CALIFORNIA 217 Fourth St. Sat., Sept. 12, 8-2. Traveled the world for 30 years, MUST declutter, wide variety of items.

MONONGAHELA- 626 Mound St., across from tennis courts. Sat., Sept. 12, 7-3pm.

5310/GARAGE/YARD SALES

CARROLL TWP.- 71 Donora Rd. Sat. & Sun., Sept. 12 & 13, 10-3pm. Mini fridge, Beanies, bar signs, old records.

CHARLEROI- 314 Crest Ave. Multi Family. Sat., Sept 12, 9-4pm. Some depression glass, antique kitchen gadgets.

CHARLEROI-227 Wilson Multi Family. Sat. & Sun., 9-2. Wide variety of items. Low prices, everything must go.

MONESSEN-78 Scenery Blvd. Sat. & Sun. Sept. 12 & 13, 9-1pm. Little Tikes tool bench, picnic table, boy's clothing, bikes, toys, much more

MONONGAHELA- 1239 Highland Rd. (off Rt. 88, near MV Hospital), signs on 88. Sat., Sept. 12, 8am-2pm. Infant's clothes, household items, furniture & more.

ROSTRAVER- Nicholls Hill, random neighborhood sale, signs off Finley Rd. Sat., Sept. 12, 9-3. Furniture, baby girl's clothes, other baby items, women & men's apparel, home decorations. Hot dogs.

W. BROWNSVILLE Flea Market, Tent Sale & Boat Show Sat., Sept. 12, 9-6 Matty's Marine by Malden Drive-In. 724-785-7640.

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Lunch & Bake Sale. Vendors welcome. To reserve a table 724-929-8636 or 724-929-3638.

2030/MEETING NOTICES

NOTICE

The Monessen Redevelopment Authority office has moved to: 1743 Grand Blvd., Monessen, PA 15062. The meetings for the Authority will be held at the new location. Meeting dates for 2009 are: September 15, October 20, November 17 and December 15.

Mary Jo Smith,
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Your Birthday
SATURDAY, SEPT. 12, 2009

VIRGO
August 23 through September 22

In the year ahead, you are likely to be traveling on a number of unexplored paths. Although you'll find things quite exciting, be cautiously selective of those you meet to make sure that they are worthy of your friendship.

VIRGO **(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Unless you're mindful of protocol, you're likely to offend an old pal in order to spend time with a new acquaintance. Thoughtlessness will result in hard feelings.

LIBRA **(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Don't expect to automatically get support or cooperation from others with regard to a new objective of yours. Unless you can be self-sufficient, you won't have anything to brag about.

SCORPIO **(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Keep ideas about which you're enthusiastic to yourself, especially if negative-thinking people surround you. Such types will serve to discourage you, and you'll never get started.

SAGITTARIUS **(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- New business deals must always be carefully examined before you spend your hard-earned money on them. Make sure that whatever is presented to you is everything it represents itself to be.

CAPRICORN **(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Because you appreciate the value of compromise for mutual advantage, you usually strive to be cooperative in all of your dealings. Don't be unyielding just because you don't like someone.

AQUARIUS **(Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- There's a good chance you could find yourself involved in something way beyond your talents. Unless you are realistic about your limitations, you could get into deep trouble.

PISCES **(Feb. 20-March 20)** -- Give yourself ample time to get to know a new acquaintance you find appealing. This individual could have a darker side to his or her character.

ARIES **(March 21-April 19)** -- When it comes to an issue or problem that affects your entire family, don't make a unilateral decision. Hear everyone out, and let the wisest solution prevail.

TAURUS **(April 20-May 20)** -- If the implementation of a new idea is based solely upon fear, get another's opinion concerning its value and then act accordingly.

GEMINI **(May 21-June 20)** -- Be on guard when around an individual who doesn't manage his or her finances prudently. If you let this person determine your spending, you will quickly go broke, too.

CANCER **(June 21-July 22)** -- You're the one who will establish whether or not you get cooperation from others. If you launch a new project in a disorganized manner, no one will be anxious to jump onboard.

LEO **(July 23-Aug. 22)** -- A couple of old, neglected responsibilities are likely to be cluttering your path, keeping you from doing the things you want to do. If you plan to move forward, clear them up first.

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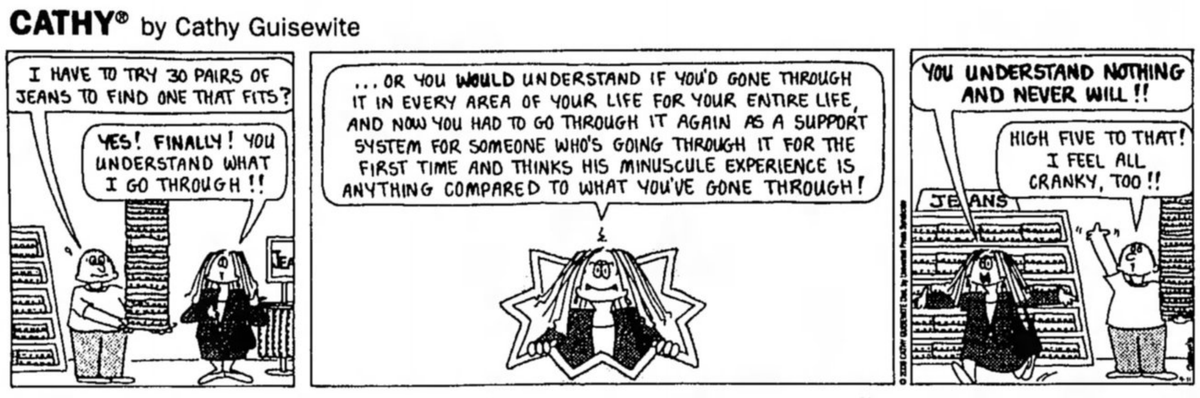
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...OR YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND IF YOU'D GONE THROUGH IT IN EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE FOR YOUR ENTIRE LIFE, AND NOW YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH IT AGAIN AS A SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR SOMEONE WHO'S GOING THROUGH IT FOR THE FIRST TIME AND THINKS HIS MINUSCULE EXPERIENCE IS ANYTHING COMPARED TO WHAT YOU'VE GONE THROUGH!
YOU UNDERSTAND NOTHING AND NEVER WILL!!
HIGH FIVE TO THAT! I FEEL ALL CRANKY, TOO!!
JEANS

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TODAY WE WENT TO A CRAFTS FAIR...
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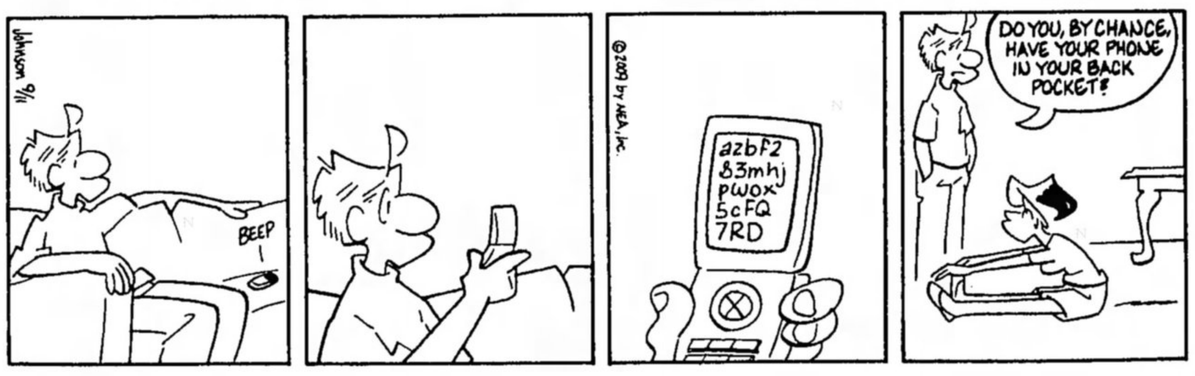

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YOU NEED A COURSE IN TIME MANAGEMENT, SIR
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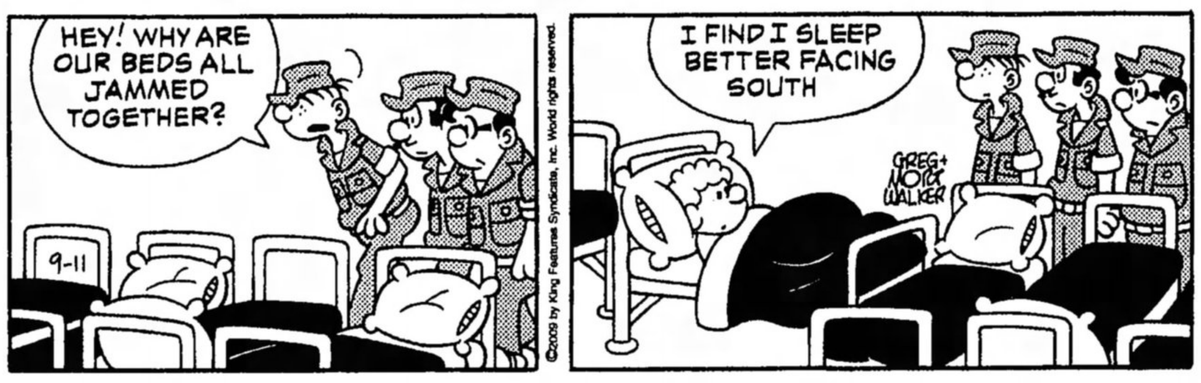
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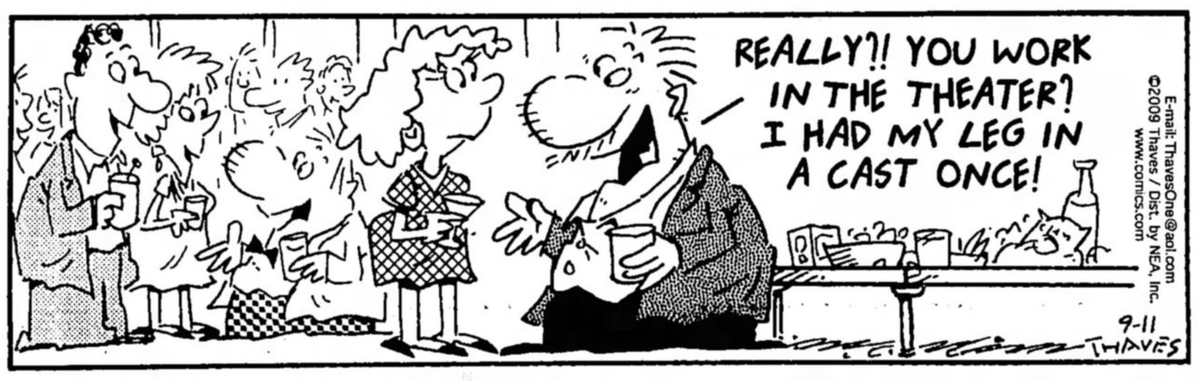
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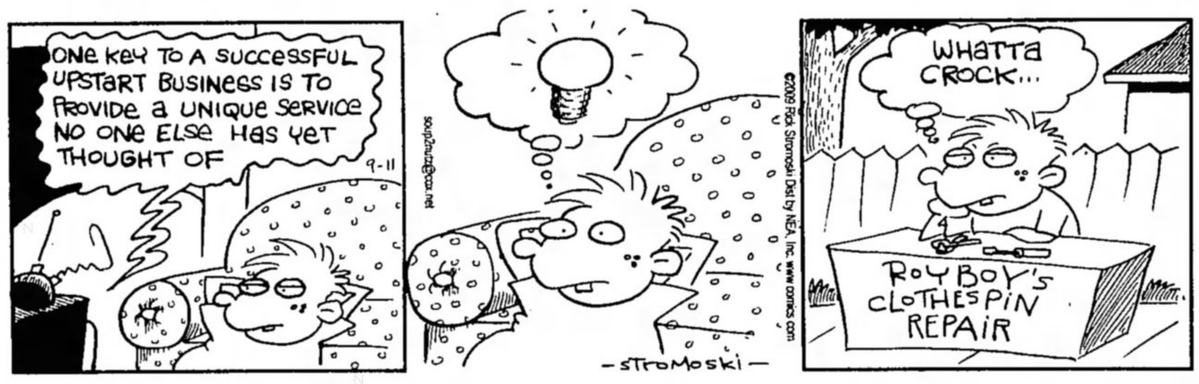
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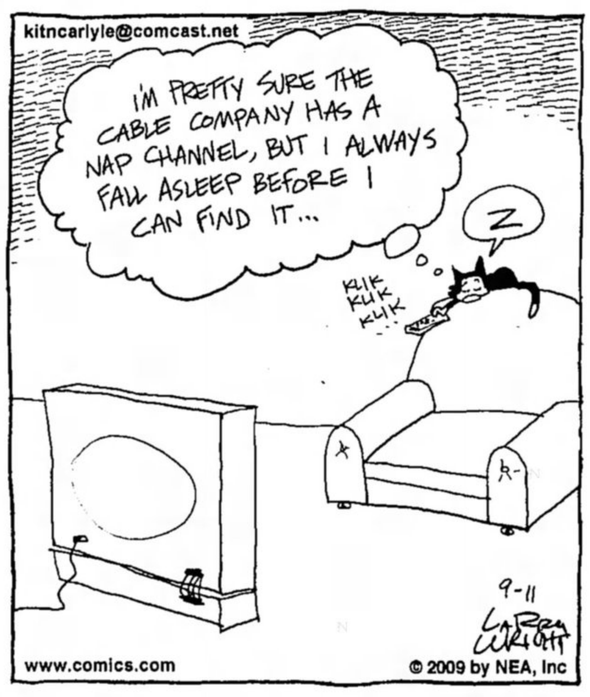
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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

6							7	5
1								
			3	4	9			
		7		1		8		
		2	7		8	6		
		3		6		9		
			5	2	7			
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7	4							6

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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9	7	5	3	1	6	2	8	4
1	4	3	8	5	2	7	6	9
6	2	8	9	4	7	1	5	3
7	8	6	5	9	1	3	4	2
4	9	2	7	3	8	6	1	5
5	3	1	6	2	4	8	9	7
2	5	9	1	6	3	4	7	8
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The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Made a tapestry
5 Cradle
8 Fillet a fish
12 Quite similar
13 Jackie's tycoon
14 Adams or McClurg
15 Remnant
16 College degs.
17 Tiny room
18 Stirring
20 Come to an end
22 Matter, in law
23 Meadow grazer
24 Down at the heels
27 Go over again
30 Wheel rod
31 Baby chick sound
32 Sense of humor
34 Rare mineral
35 Give notice
36 Courtroom bargain
37 Newspaper feature
39 Likes and dislikes
40 Oola's guy
41 Cinnamon —
42 Tie-dye cousin
44 Open
47 Huge
48 Passports, etc.
50 Hertz rival
52 In addition
53 Bolt holder
54 Superman alias
55 Earns as profit
56 Distress signal
57 Joule fractions

DOWN

1 Big bankroll
2 Creole veggie
3 Panorama
4 Fencer's cry (2 wds.)
5 Neonates
6 Big Band —
7 Tactful
8 Changed into
9 Byron's works
10 Shade of green
11 Lamprey
19 Low island
21 Dodge City marshal
24 Slump
25 Co. honcho
26 Red Muppet
27 Harness piece
28 Hole punchers
29 Lose some
31 Fall veggies
33 — kwon do
35 Je ne sais —
36 Flapjack
38 Jackpot games
39 Winery cask
41 Roman sculptures
42 Hayfield sight
43 Type of prof
45 Say it's so
46 Sonar's sound
47 Moving truck
49 Batman and Robin
51 Ave. crossers

Answer to Previous Puzzle

	P	E	G	S			E	I	G	H	T	
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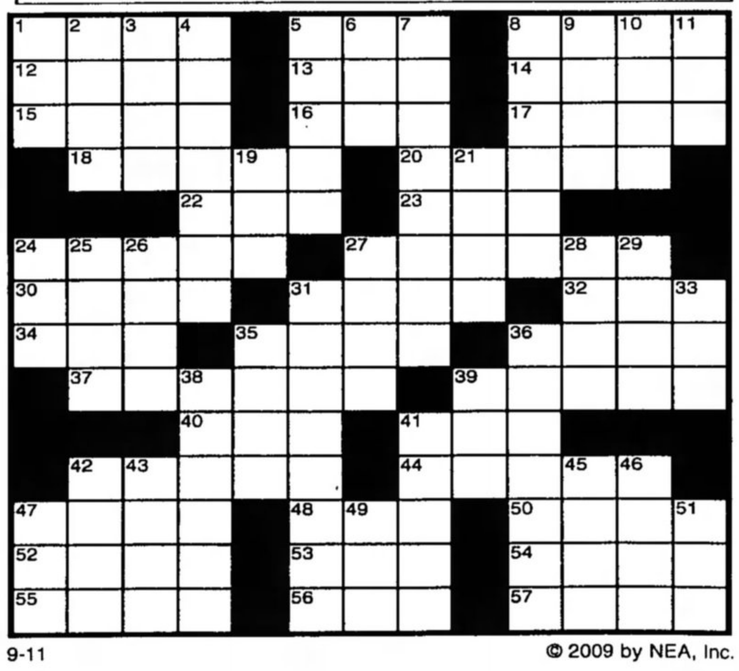

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